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PETER PARKER, THE SPECTACULAR SPIDER-MAN[®]

FEATURING

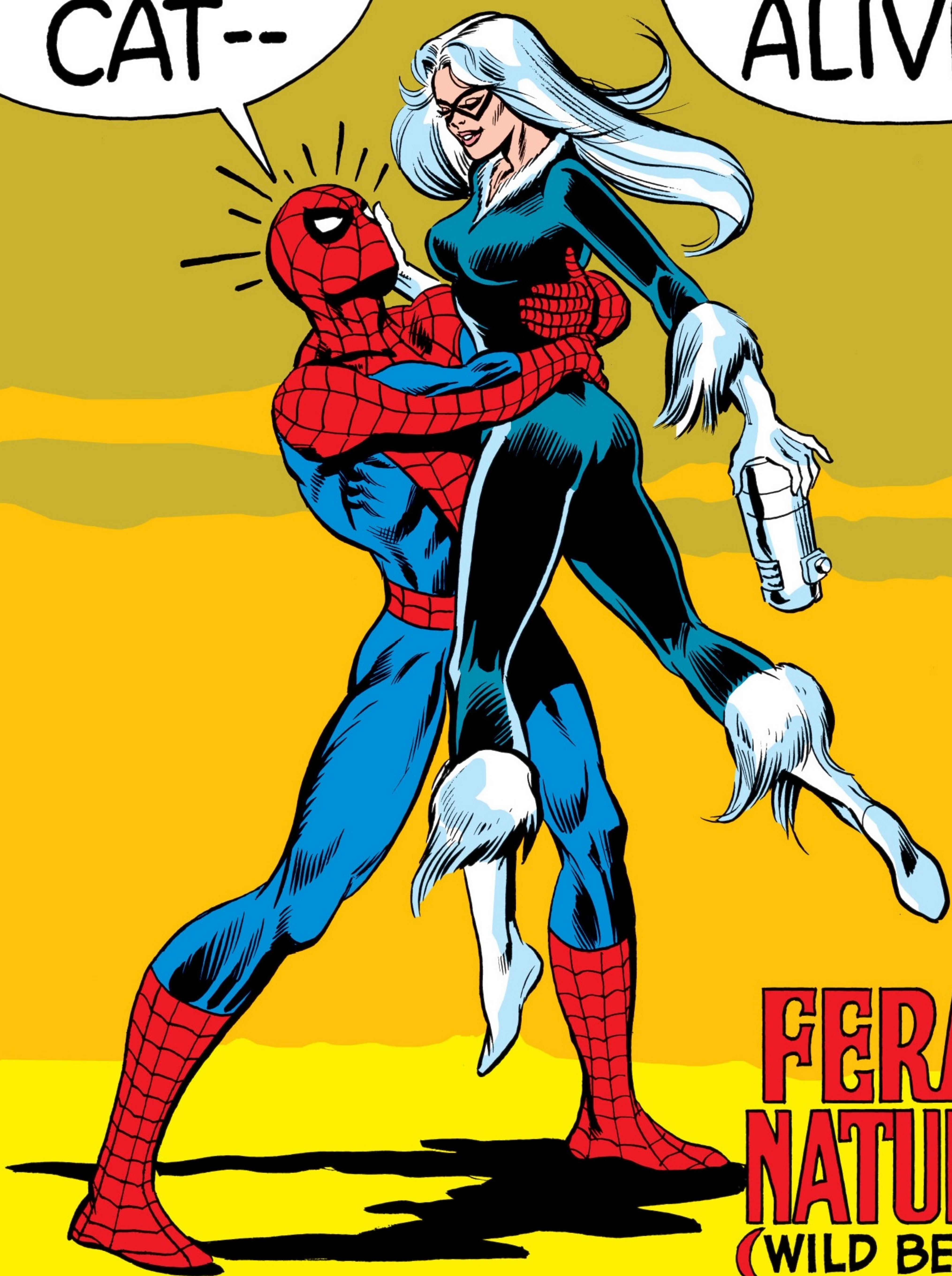
THE DRAMATIC
RETURN OF THE
BLACK CAT!



THE FINAL CONFRONTATION

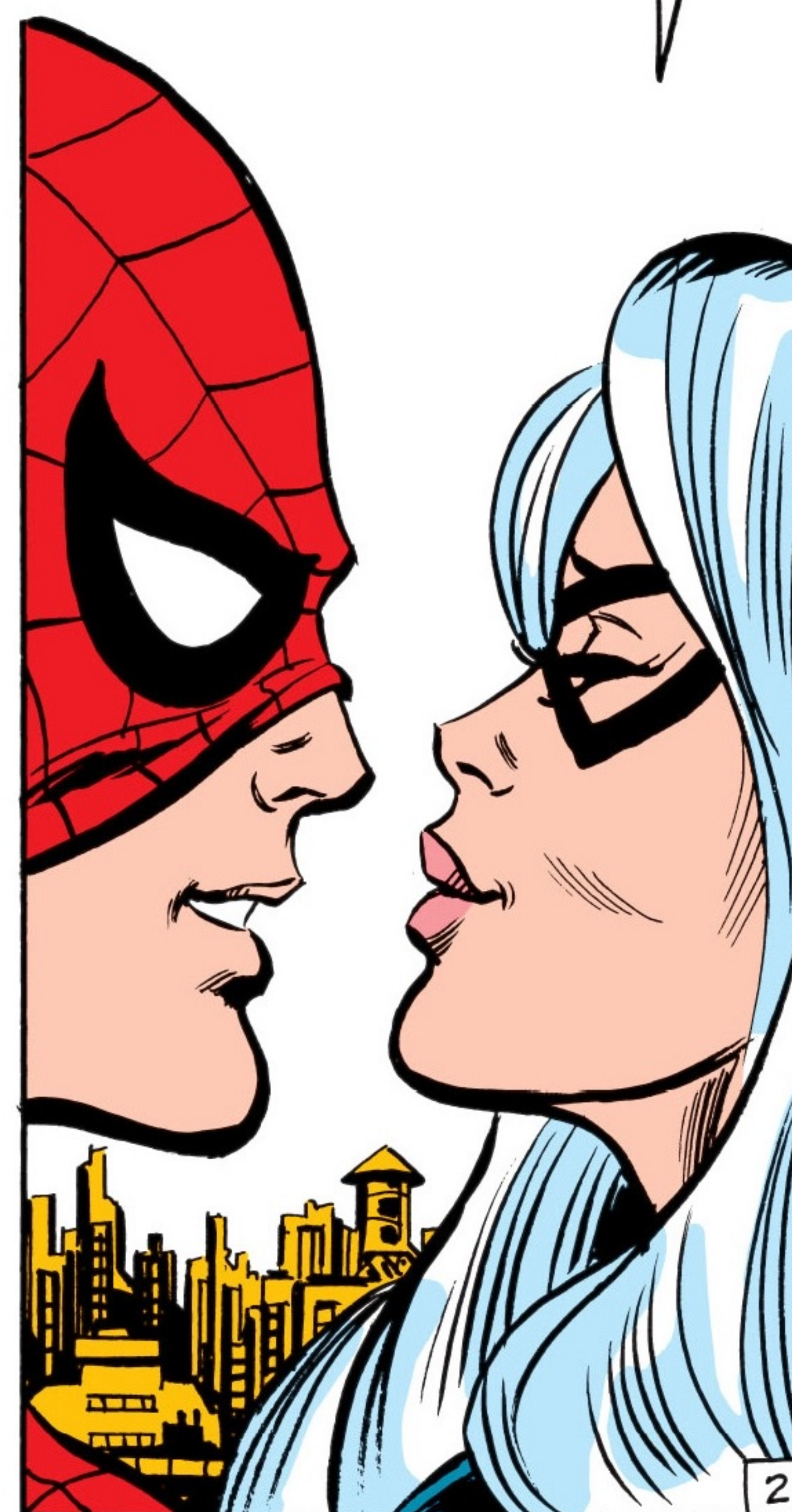
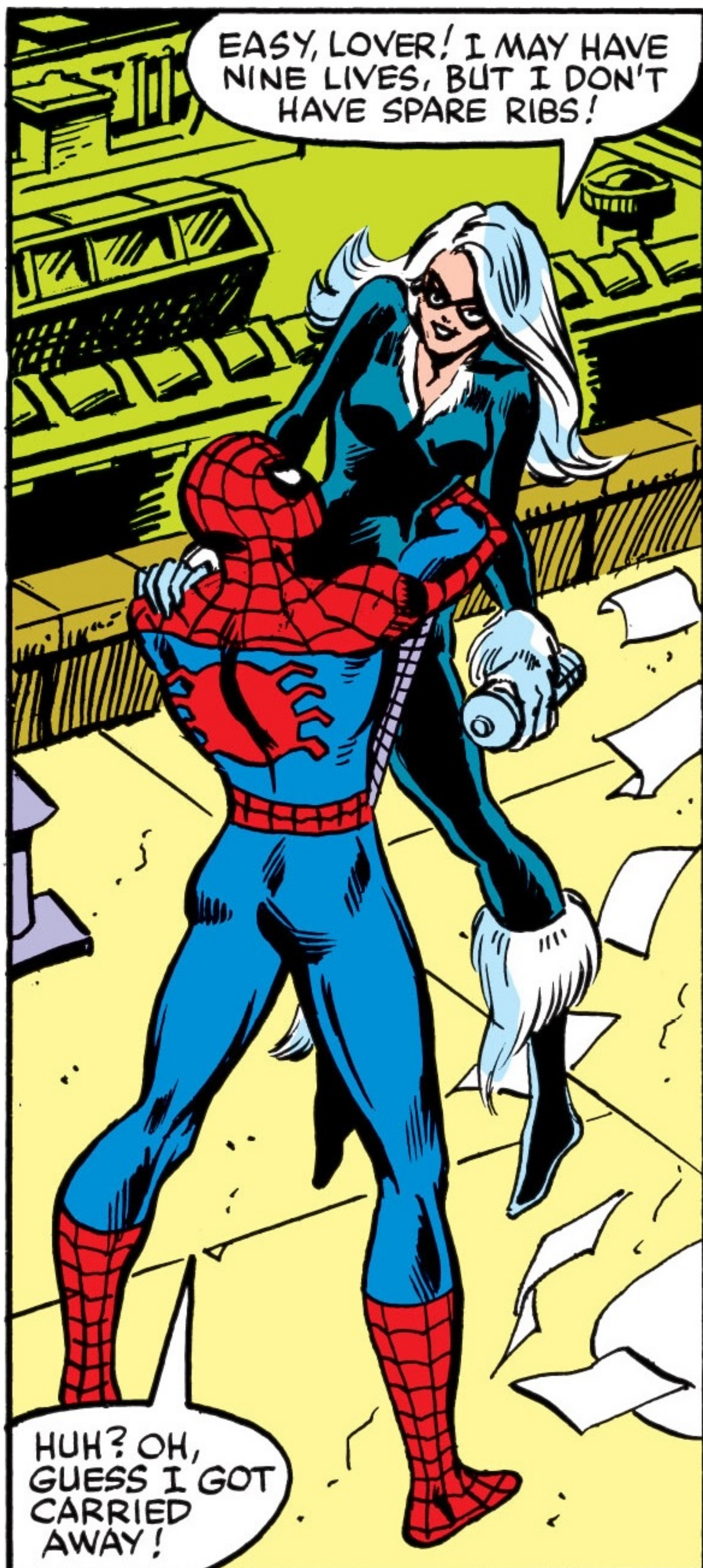
BLACK
CAT--

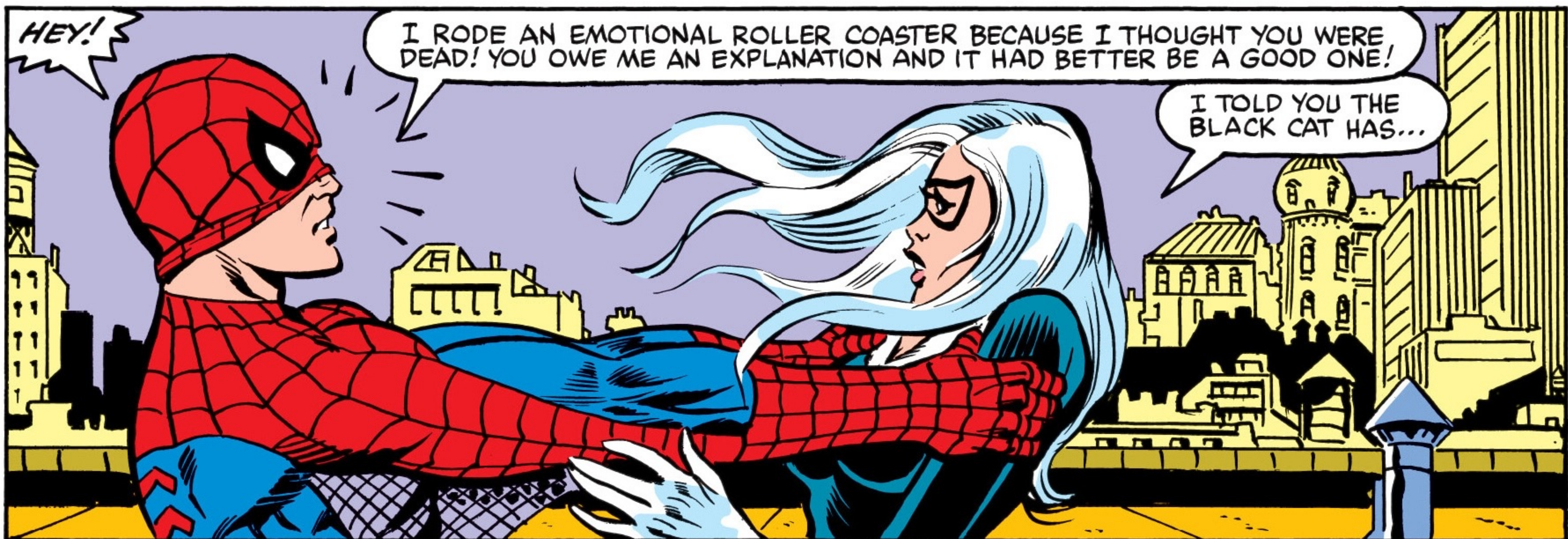
--YOU'RE
ALIVE!!



**FERAE
NATURAE**
(WILD BEASTS)

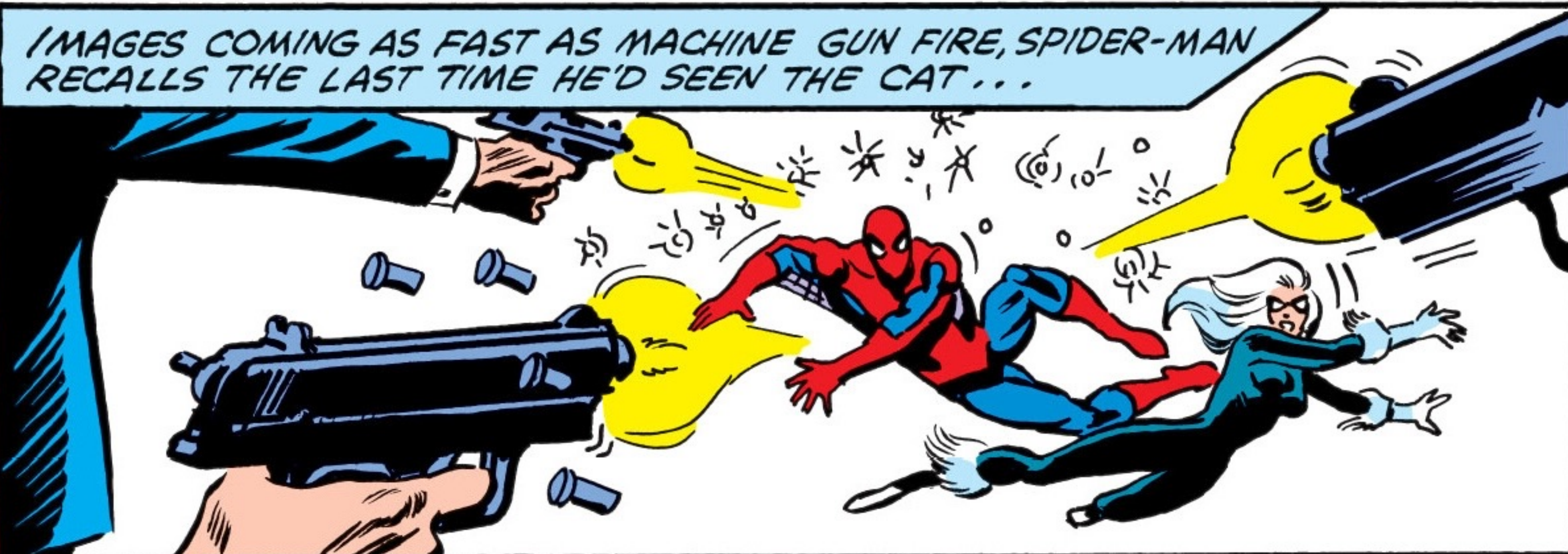
BILL MANTLO * AL MILGROM * JIM MOONEY * JOE ROSEN * BOB SHAREN * TOM DeFALCO * JIM SHOOTER
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WHY NOT?
TELL ME WHAT
HAPPENED!

IMAGES COMING AS FAST AS MACHINE GUN FIRE, SPIDER-MAN
RECALLS THE LAST TIME HE'D SEEN THE CAT...



SHE'D TRIED TO ROB
THE MOB. HE'D TRIED
TO STOP HER... BUT
FAILED.



TOGETHER,
THEY'D
ESCAPED...



END OF
THE LINE,
FELICIA!
I'M TURNING
YOU OVER
TO THE
POLICE!

BUT SHE'D
ESCAPED HIM.



YOU WITCH! COME
BACK WITH MY BIKE!

LATER, ON THE
DOCKS, HE'D
SNARED HER WITH
A WEB-LINE...



BUT, TO HIS
SURPRISE,
SHE TOOK
IT WITH
HER!

I WON'T GO TO JAIL!
I'D RATHER DIE FIRST!



FELICIA,
DON'T--!

TIME AND AGAIN, HE DIVED INTO THOSE COLD, DARK WATERS DESPERATELY SEARCHING FOR HER...

... TO NO AVAIL!

LATER, WHEN POLICE CAPTAIN JEAN DEWOLFF ARRIVED WITH A PARDON FOR HER CRIMES...

YOU'RE TOO LATE.

I'M SORRY.

YOU ARRANGED A PARDON FOR ME, LOVER? HOW SWEET!

NO MORE NONSENSE, FELICIA! I WANT ANSWERS! WHERE WERE YOU?

WELL, I WAS DROWNING...

"YOUR WEBBING STUCK LIKE A SECOND SKIN!"

"FORTUNATELY, IT WAS STUCK TO MY COSTUME AND NOT ME!"

"--AND WAS ABOUT TO SWIM AWAY AND SURPRISE YOU, WHEN SOMEONE ELSE SURPRISED ME!"

"TO MY AMAZEMENT, THEY WORKED FOR... DOCTOR OCTOPUS!"

"I MANAGED TO WRIGGLE OUT OF IT--"

"AND I BECAME HIS GUEST!"



DOC OCK'S GUEST?!

WELL, HE WOULDN'T LET ME LEAVE, BUT I THINK HE KIND OF LIKED ME...



LADY, YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT A DEADLY MEGALOMANIAC! RIGHT NOW HE AND THE OWL ARE PREPARING TO TURN THE BIG APPLE INTO A BATTLEFIELD!



MORE LIKE A **BONEYARD**, LOVER, IF OCK HAS HIS WAY!

YOU SEE, HE'S NOT INTERESTED IN **BLACKMAIL** LIKE THE OWL! HE WANTS TO PROVE A **POINT**!

WHAT POINT??

THAT DOCTOR OCTOPUS IS THE MOST DANGEROUS MAN ALIVE!

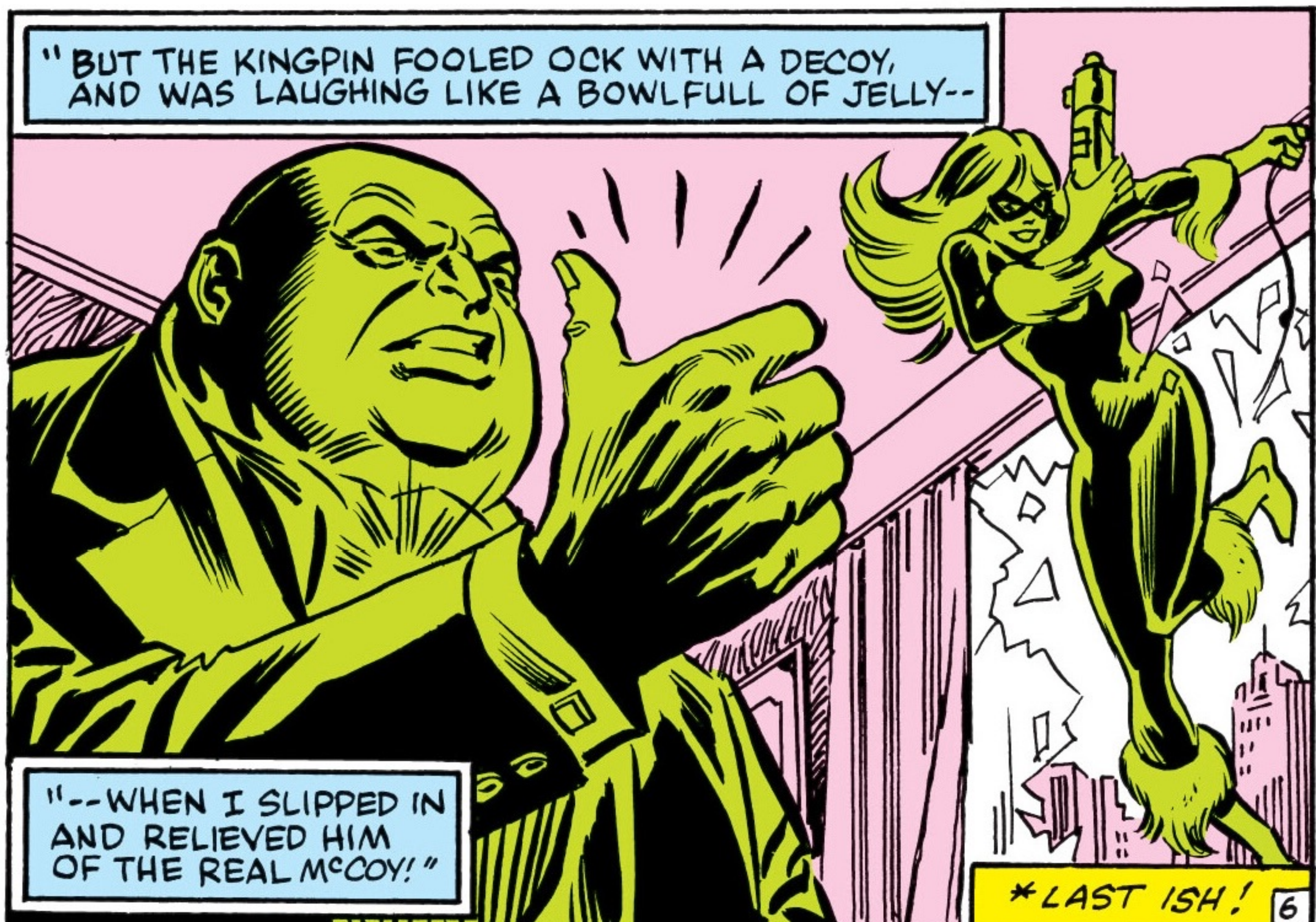


AND HE INTENDS TO DEMONSTRATE THAT BY KILLING EVERY MAN, WOMAN AND CHILD IN NEW YORK CITY... WITH **THIS**!



WHAT IS IT?

SEARCH ME! I HEARD OCTOPUS PLOTTING TO STEAL IT FROM THE **KINGPIN** OF CRIME!

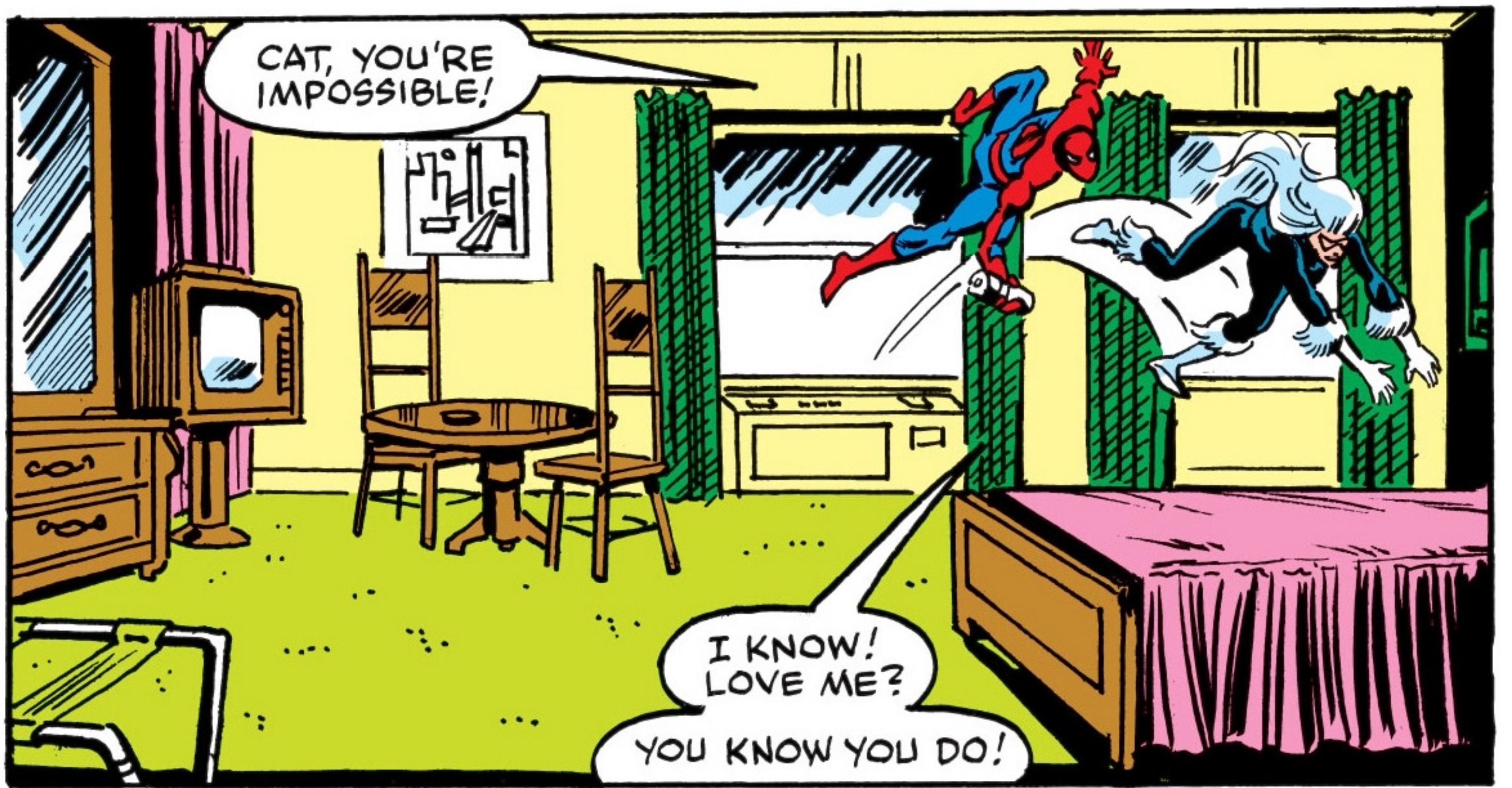


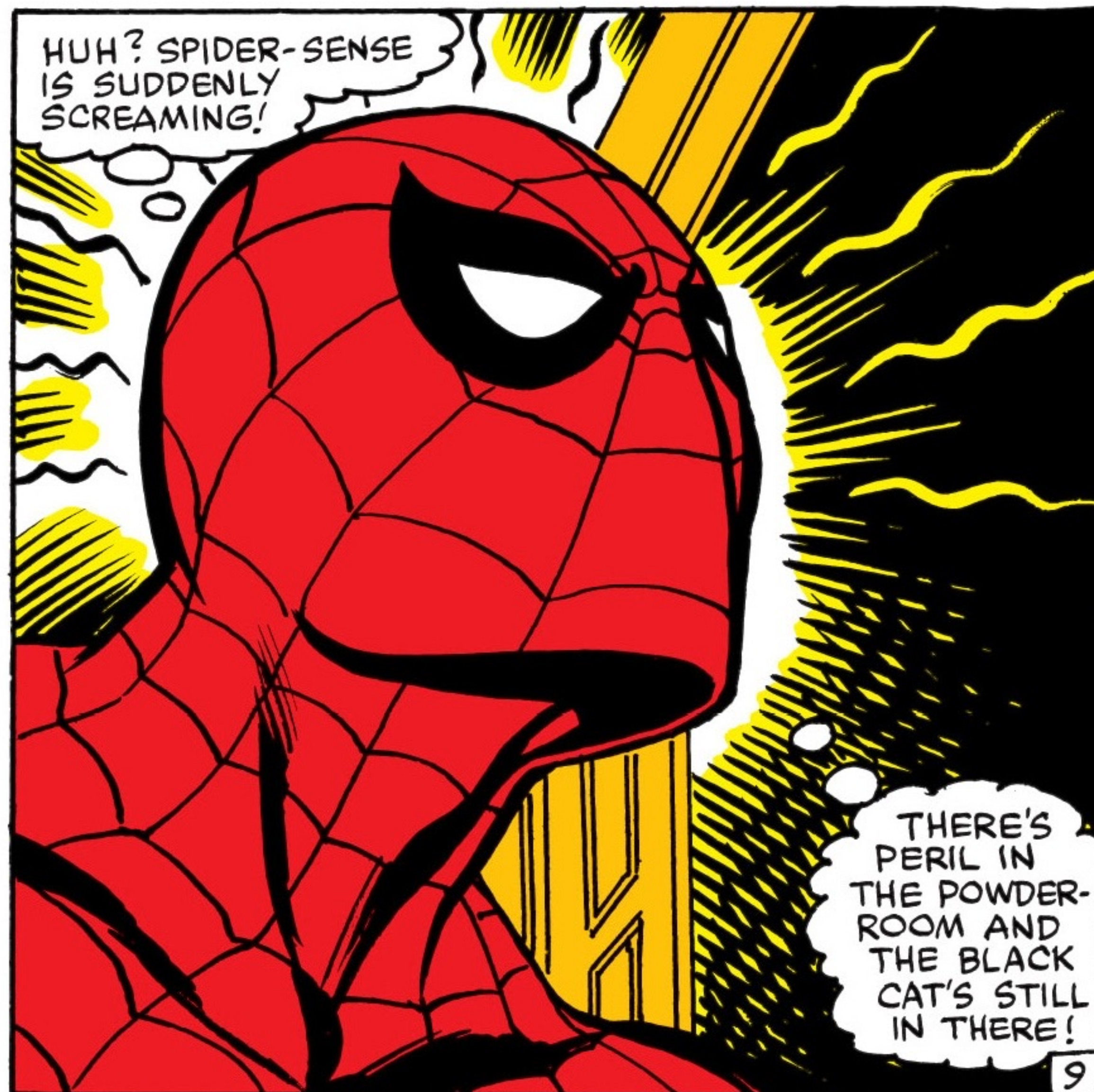
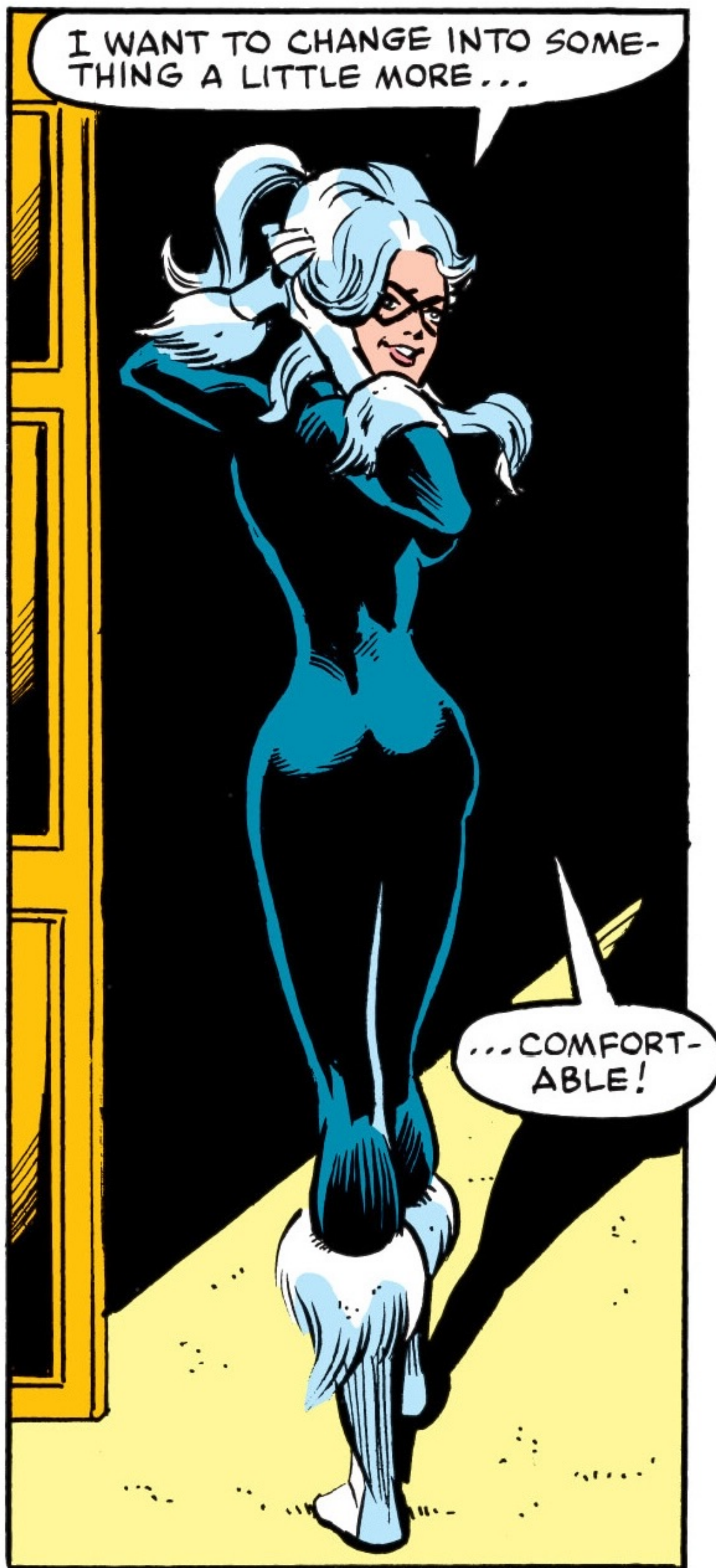
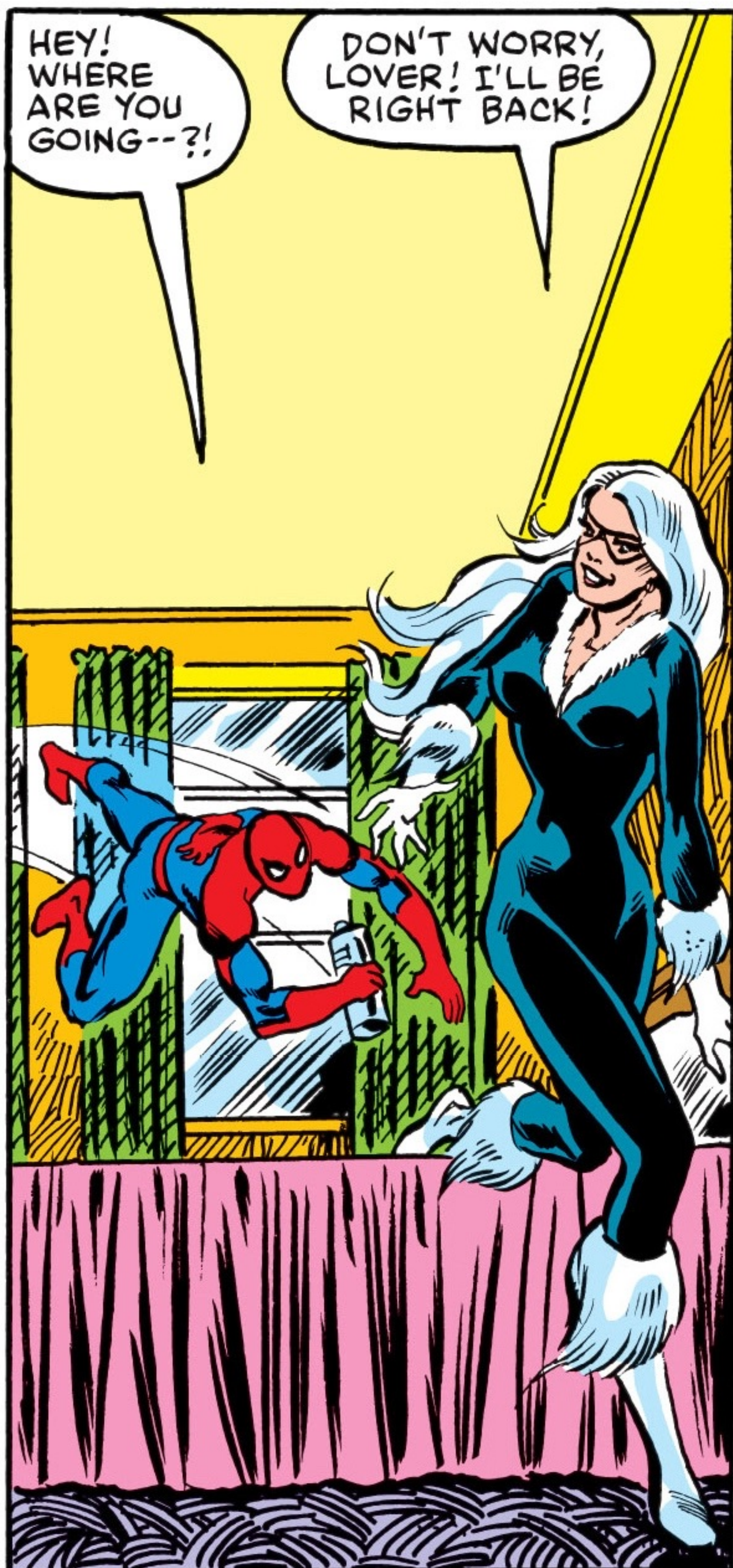
"BUT THE KINGPIN FOOLED OCK WITH A DECOY, AND WAS LAUGHING LIKE A BOWLFULL OF JELLY--"

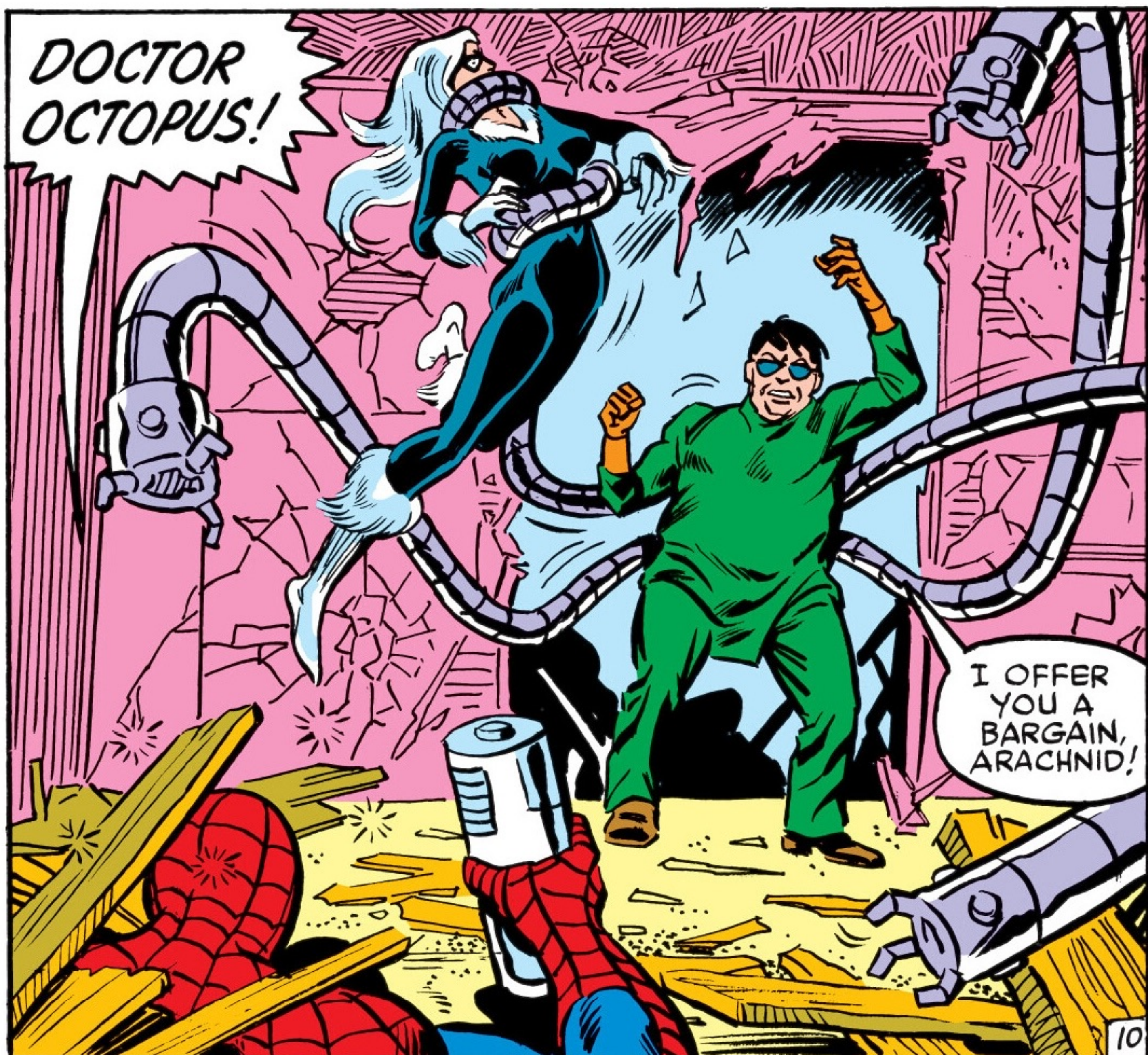
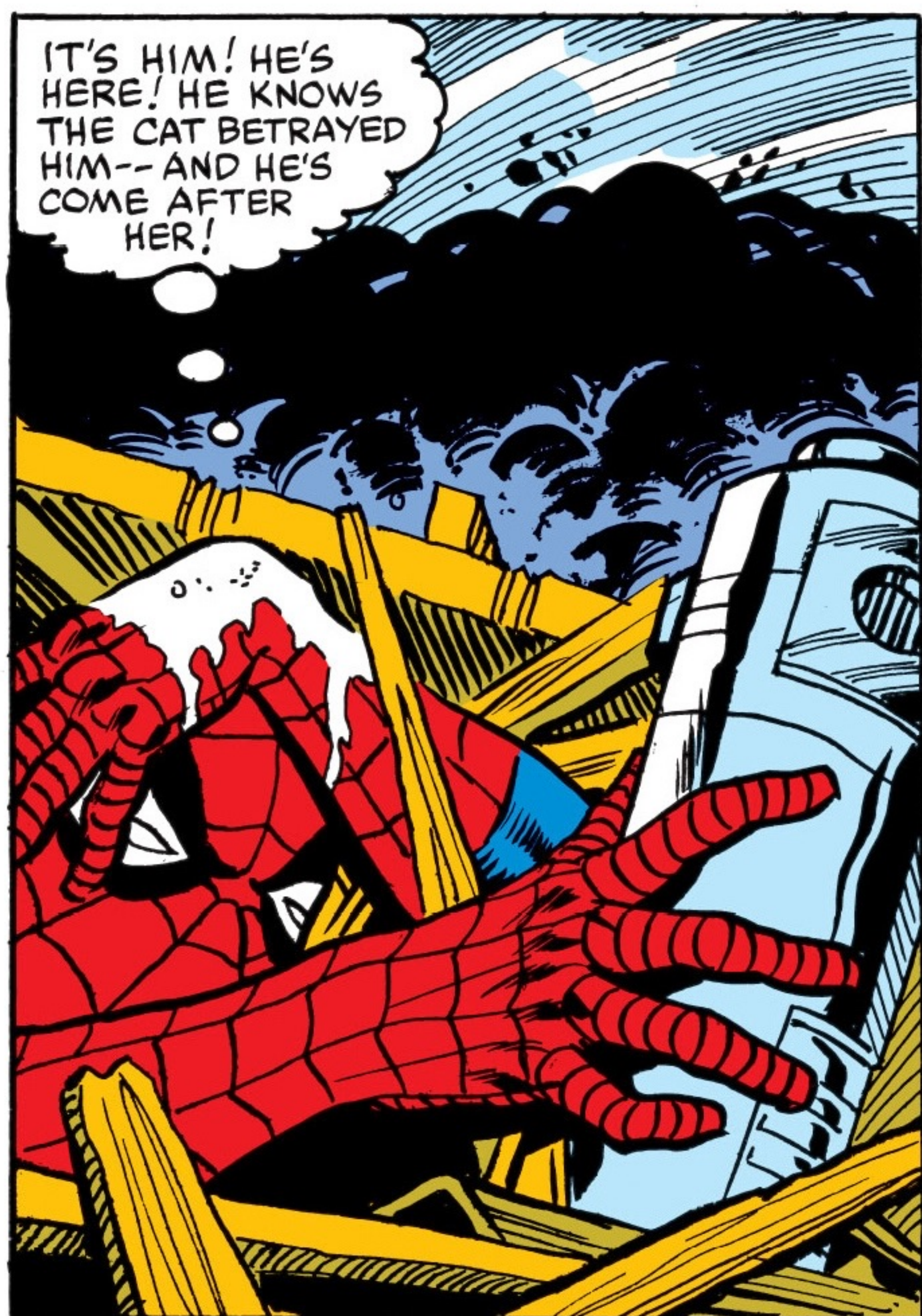
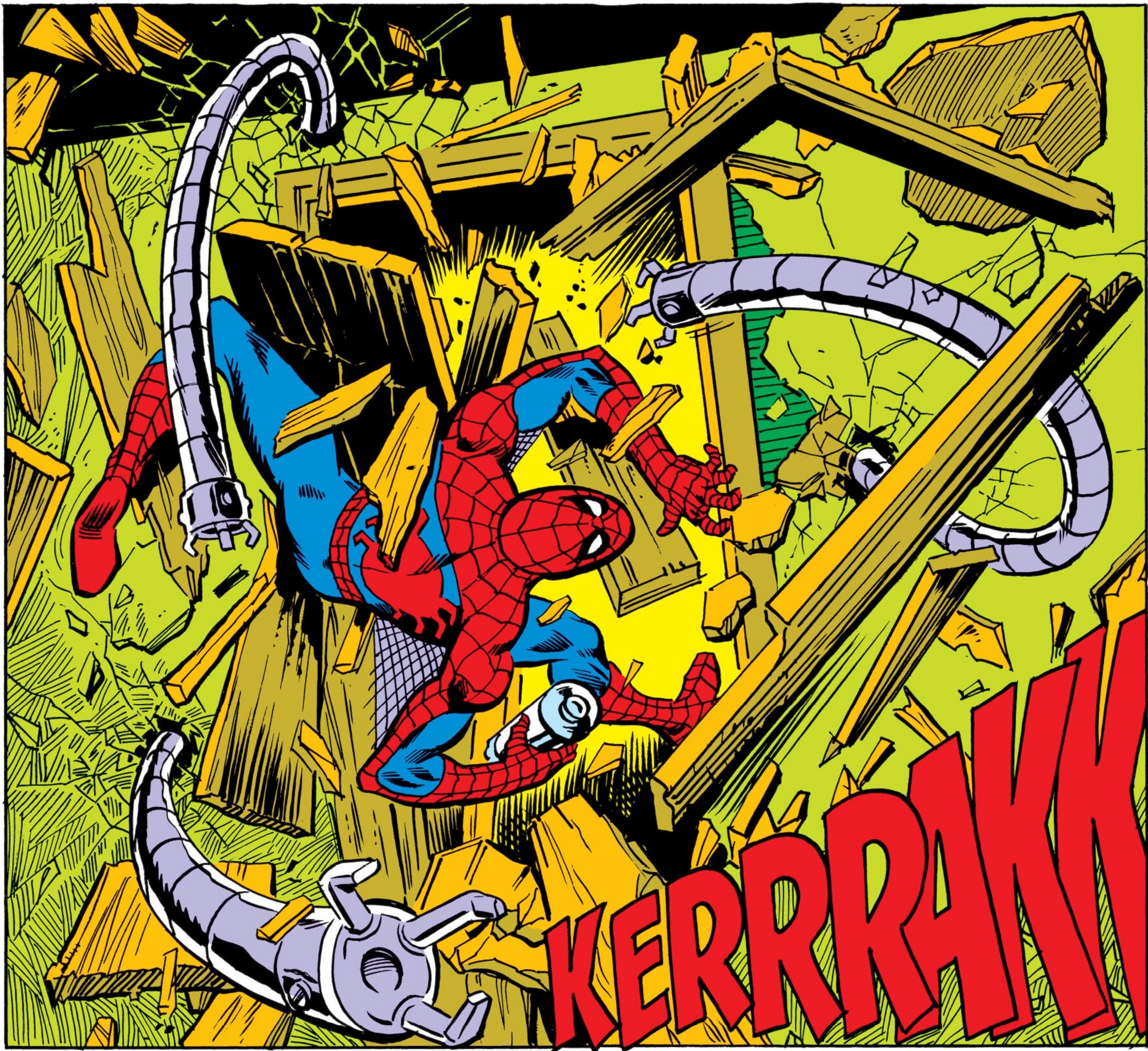
"--WHEN I SLIPPED IN AND RELIEVED HIM OF THE REAL MCCOY!"

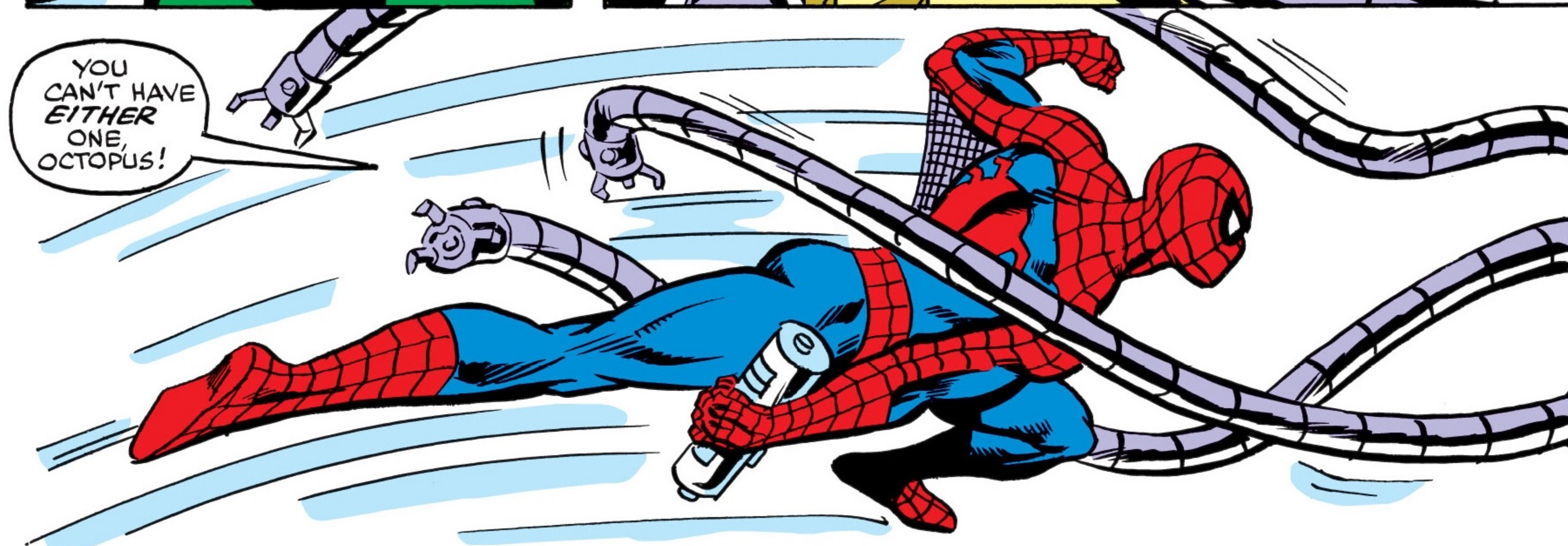
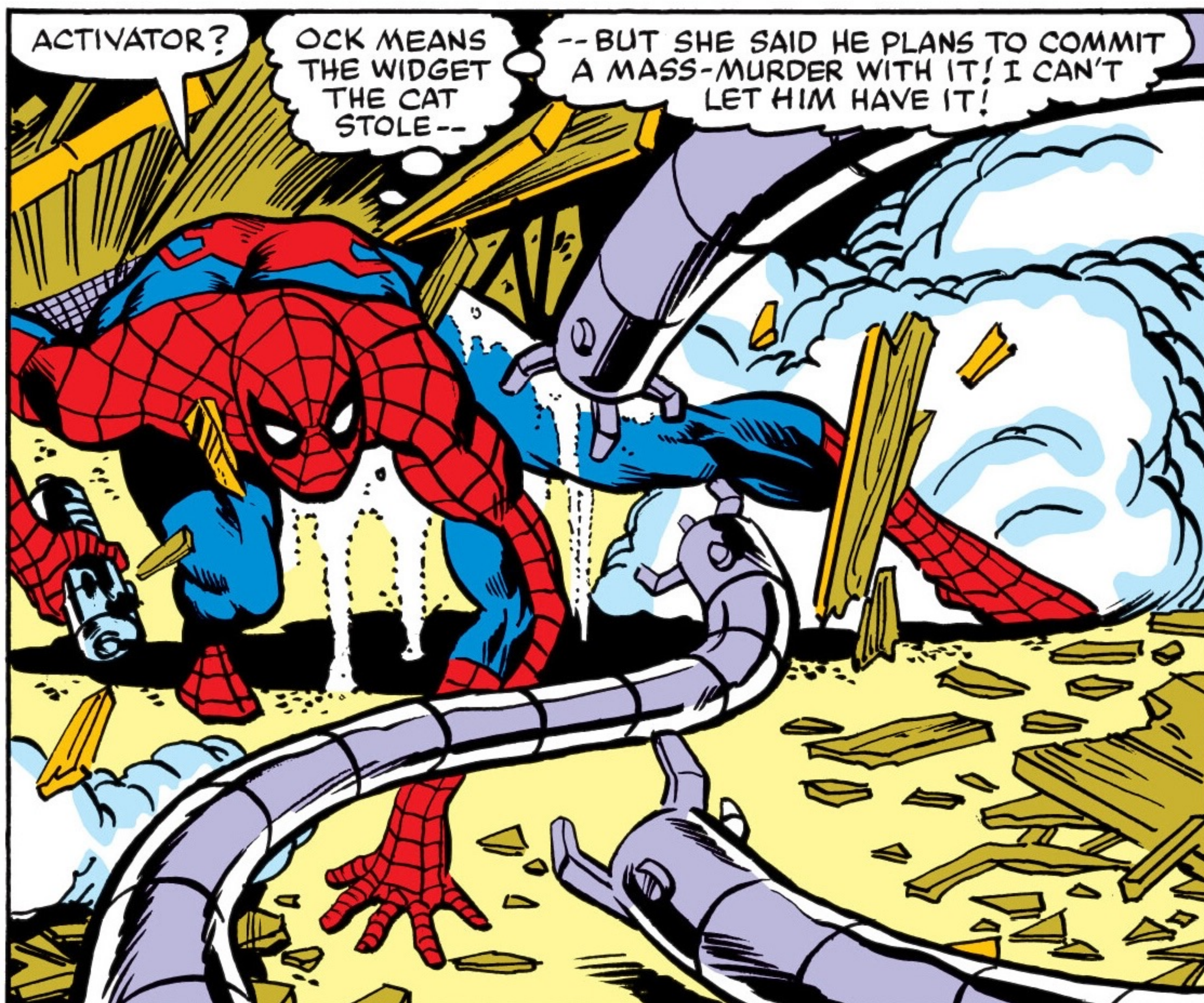
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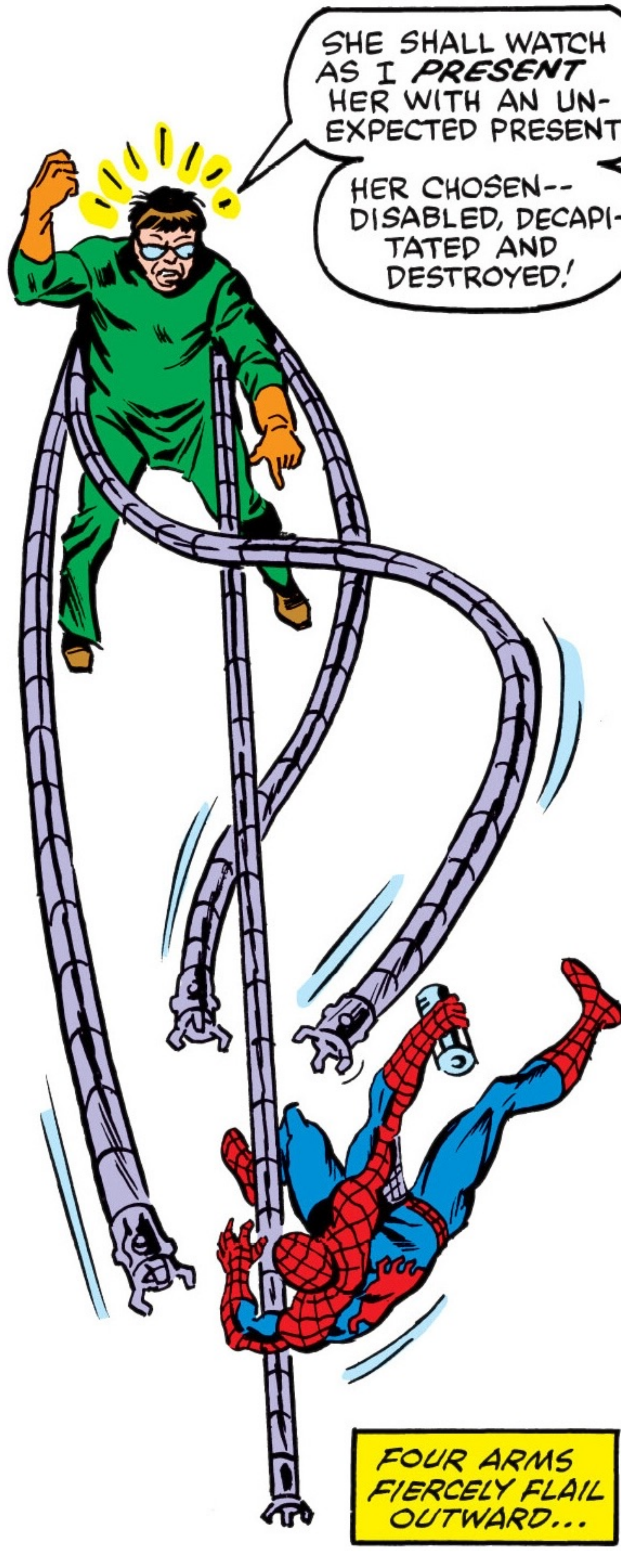
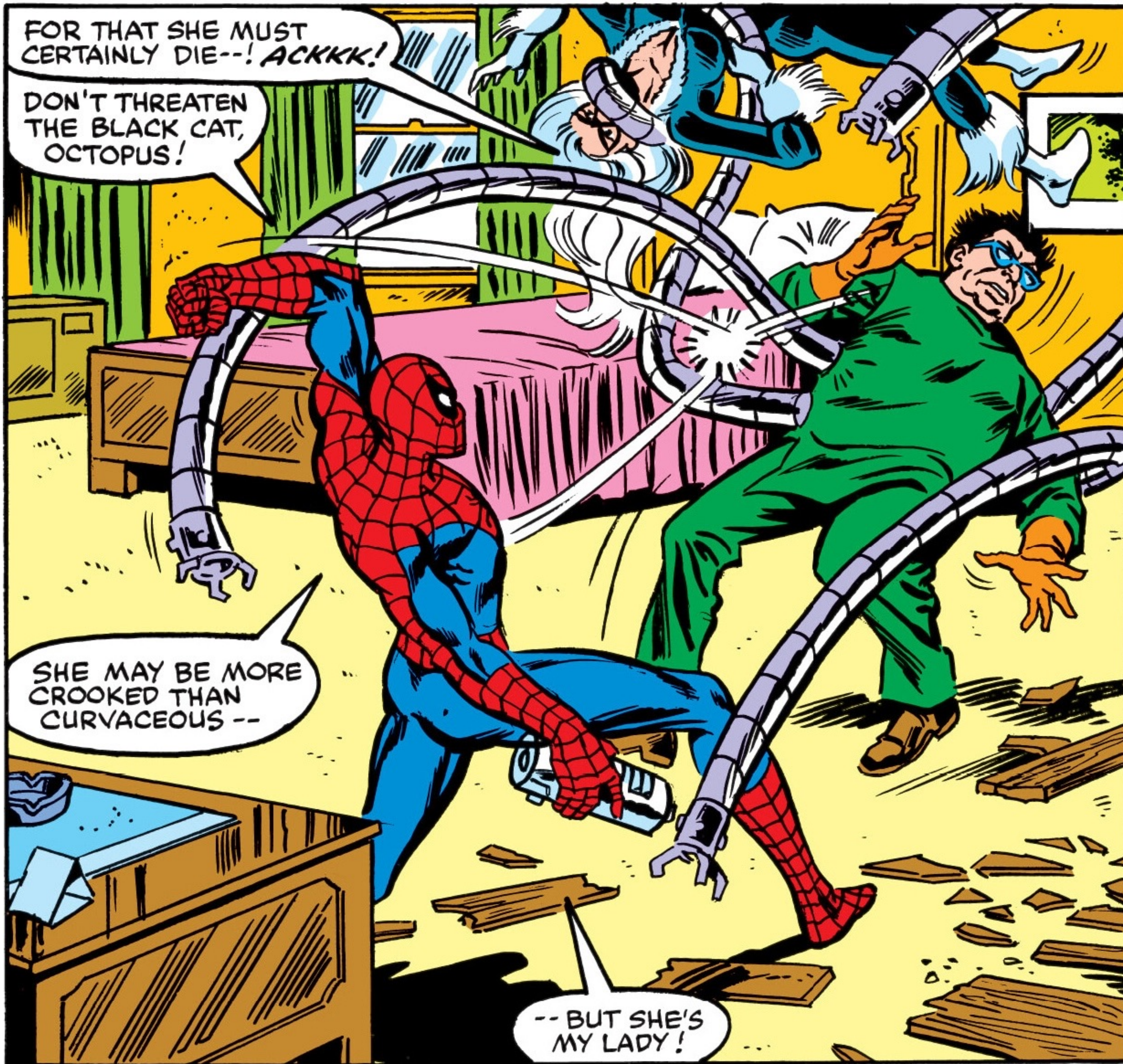


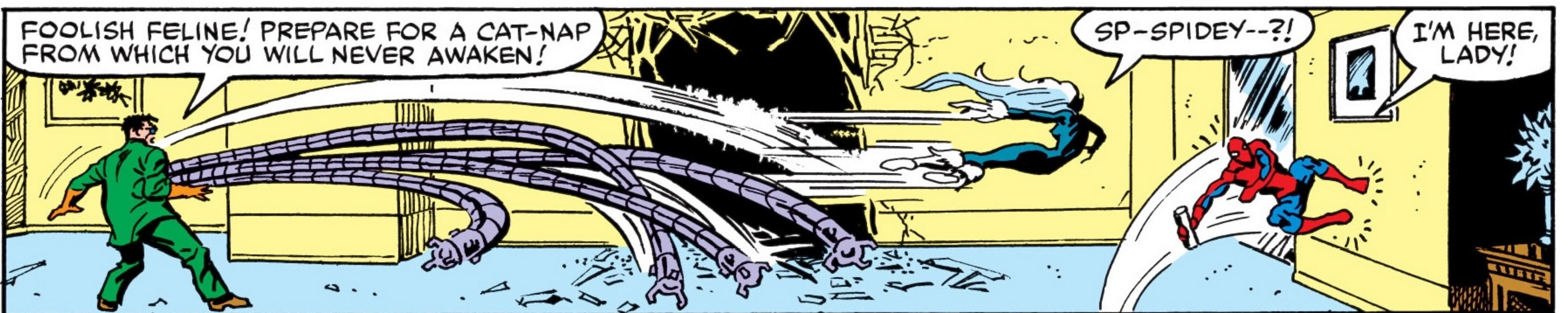
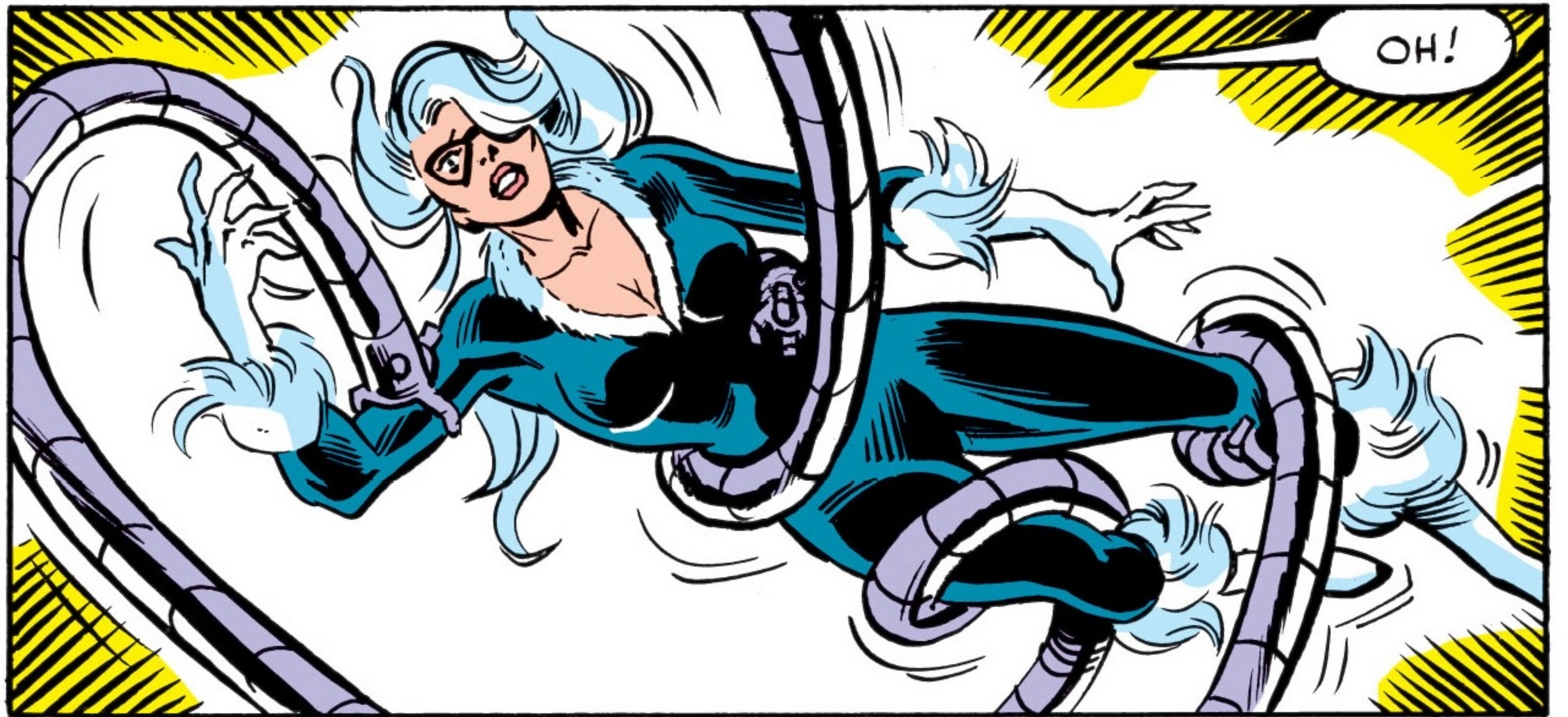
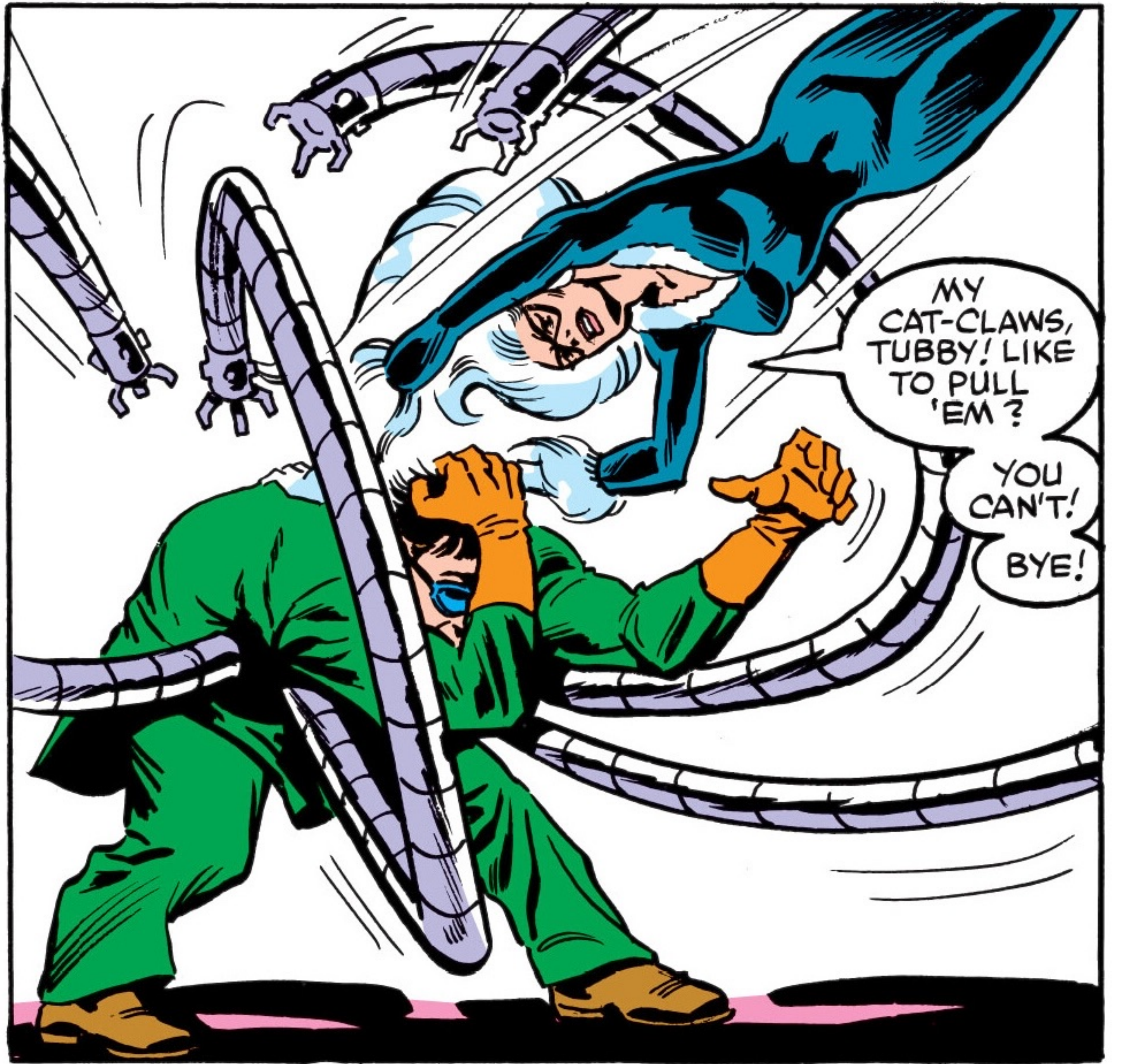
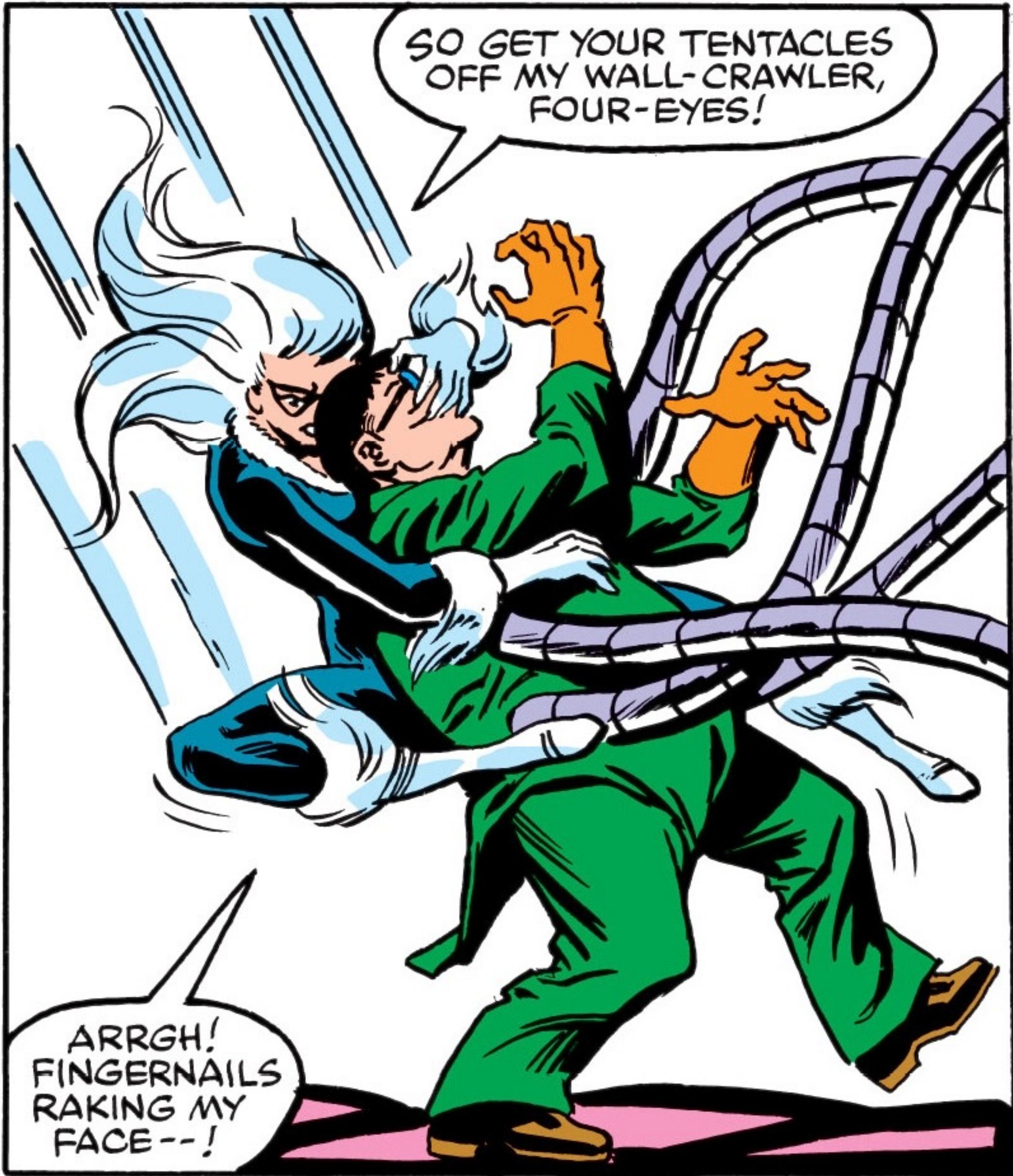


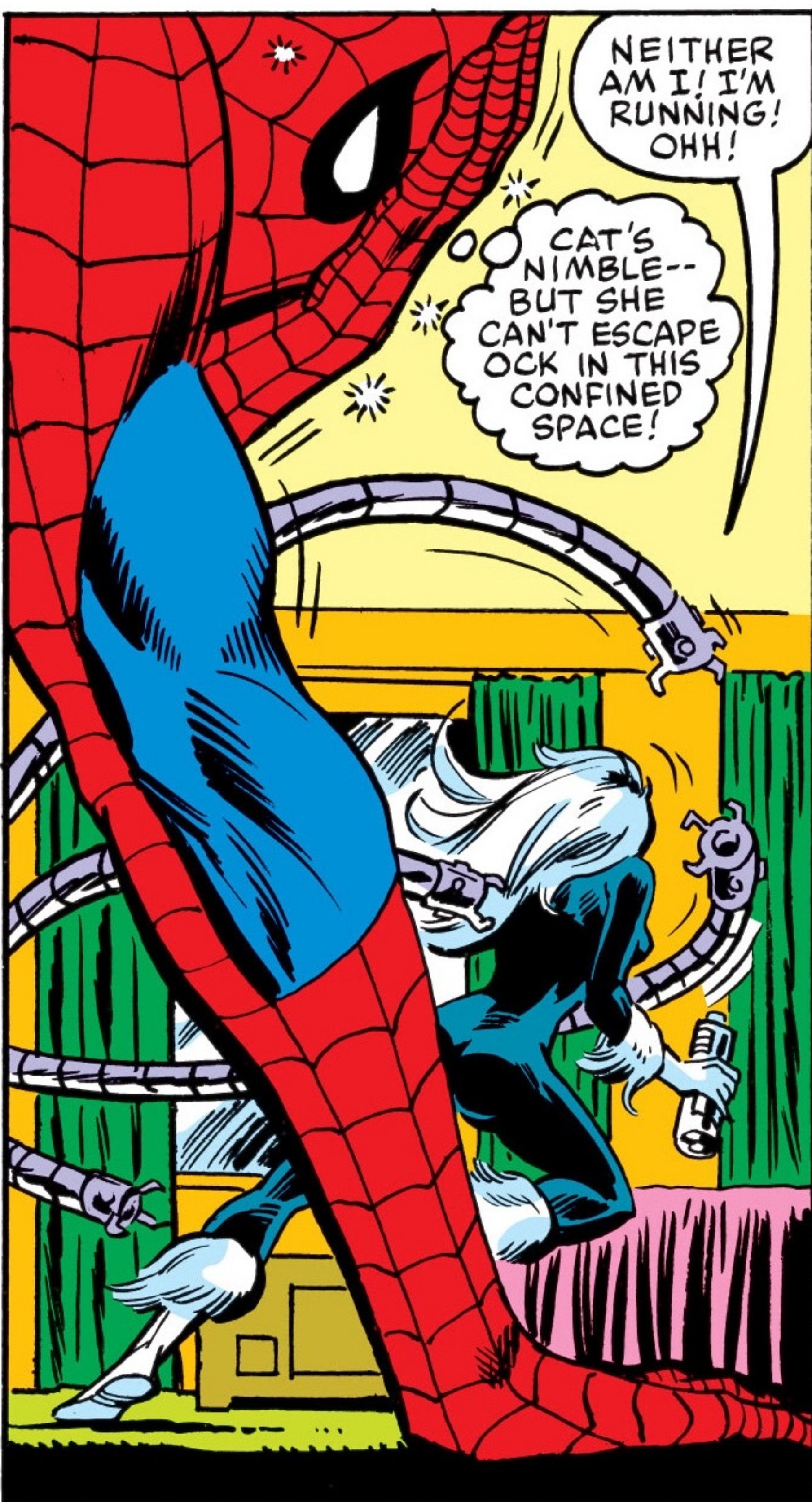
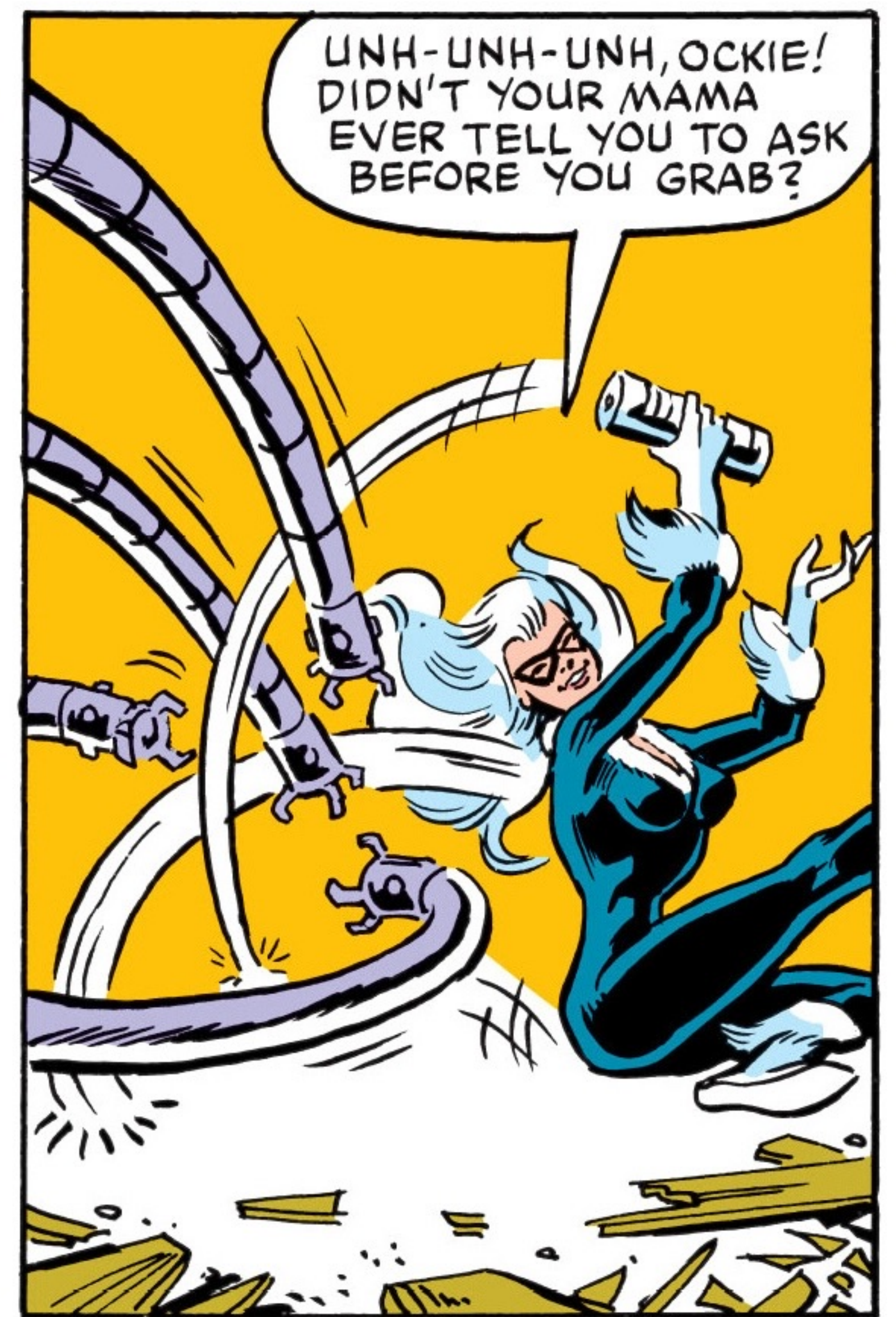
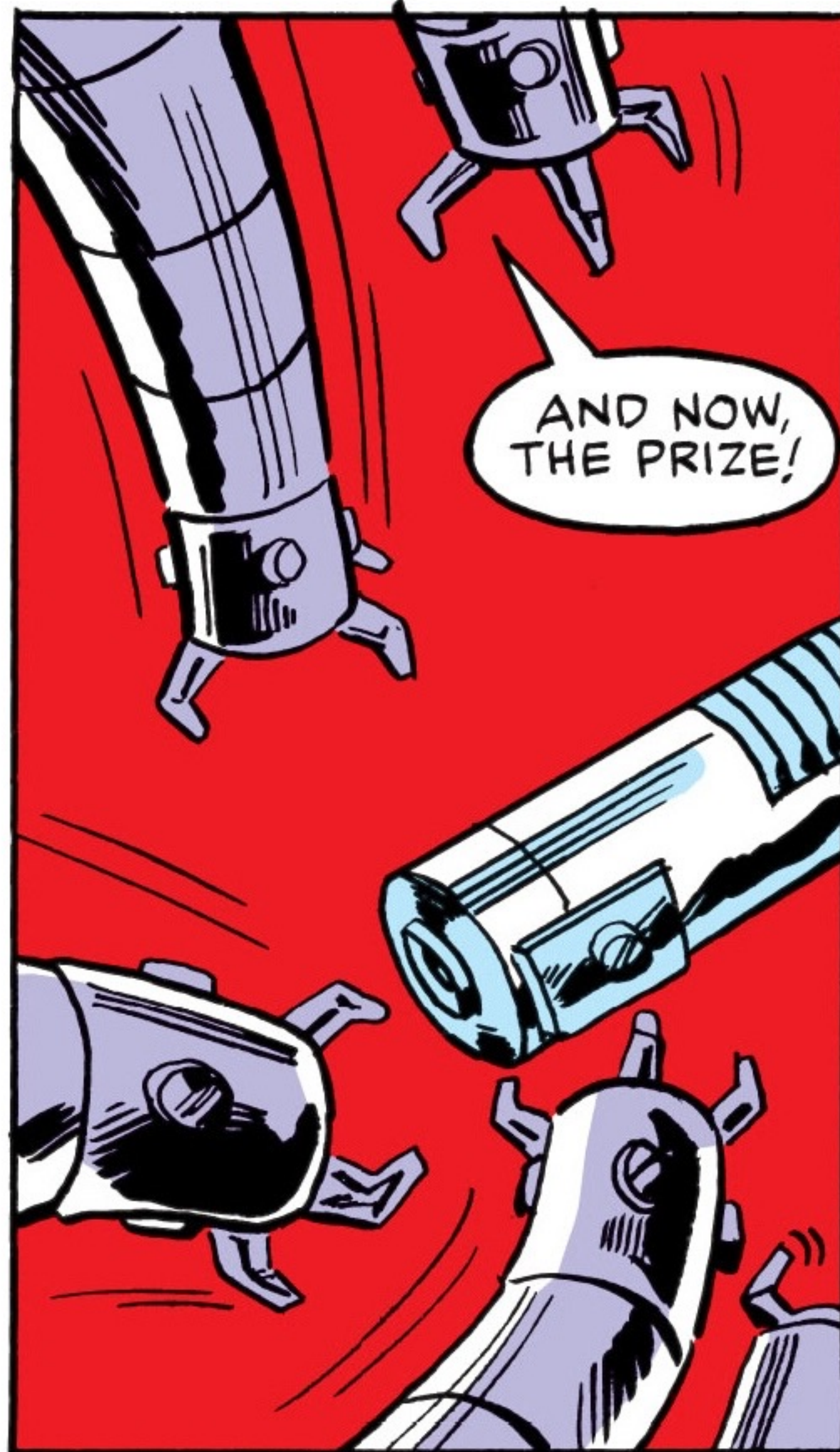


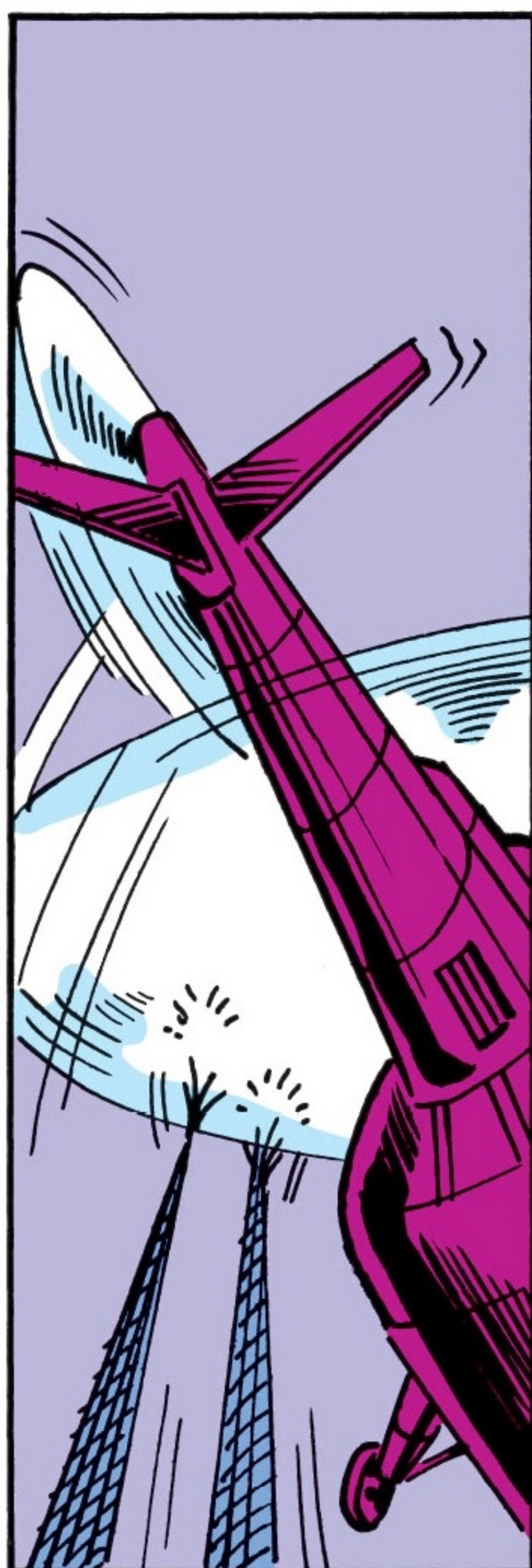
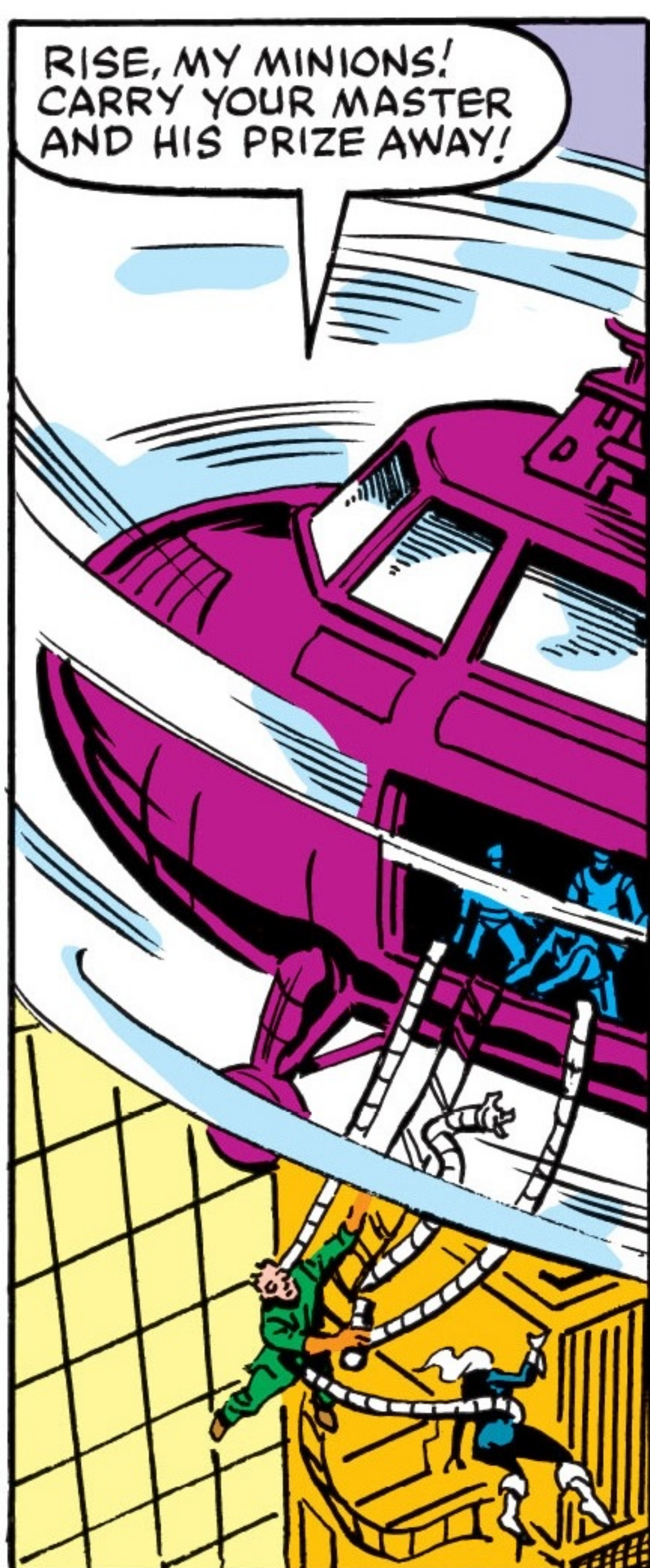
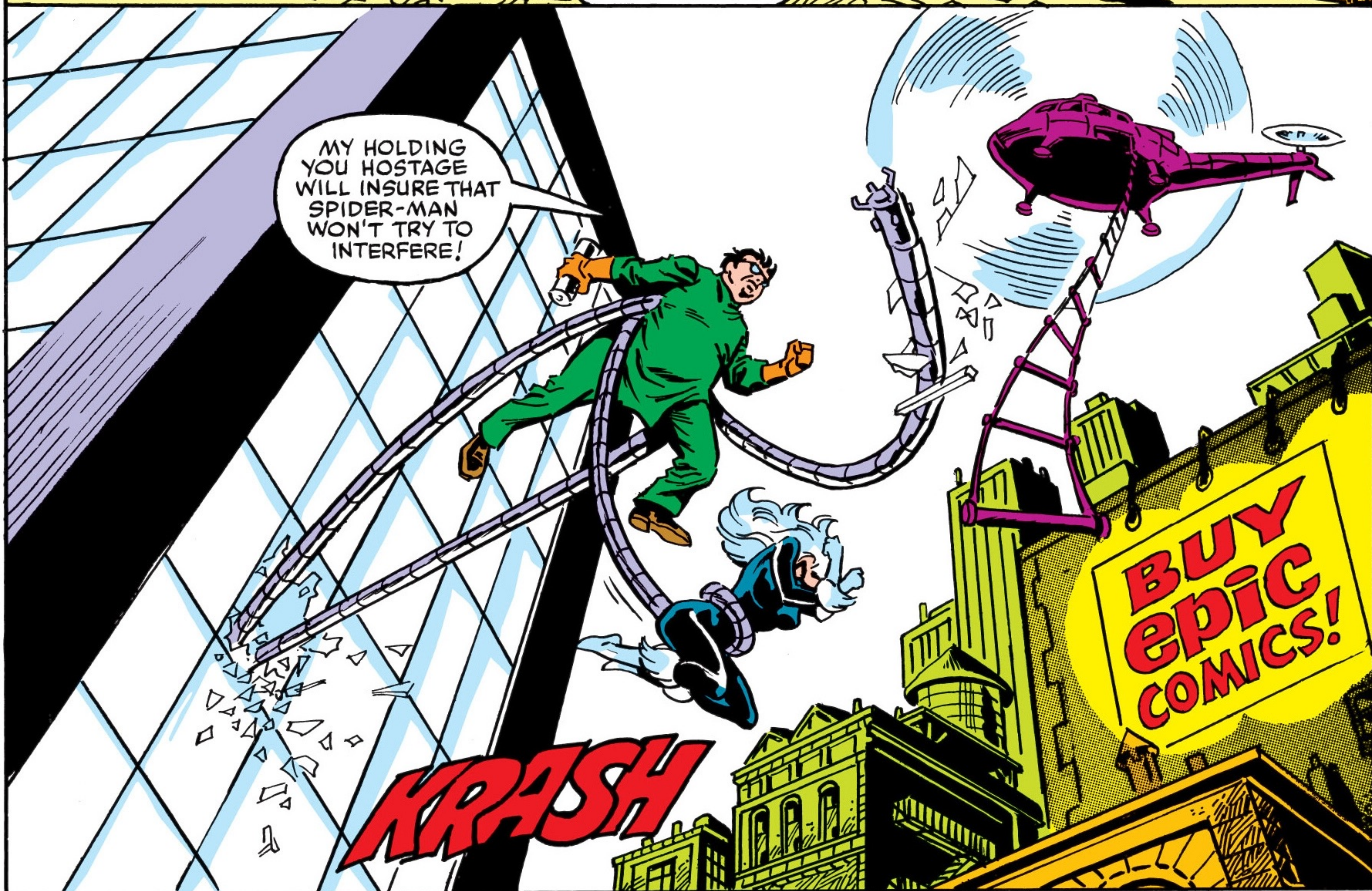
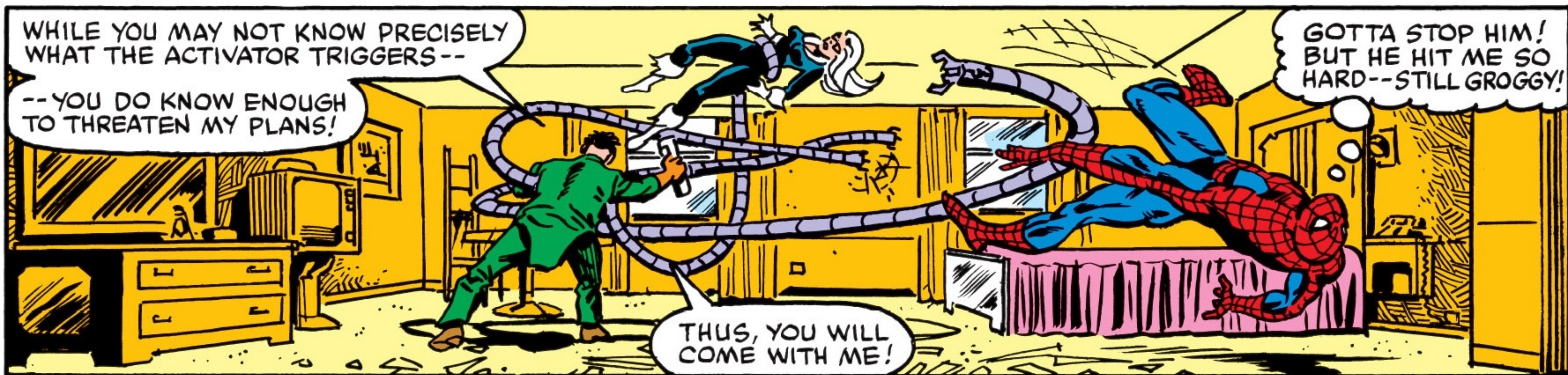




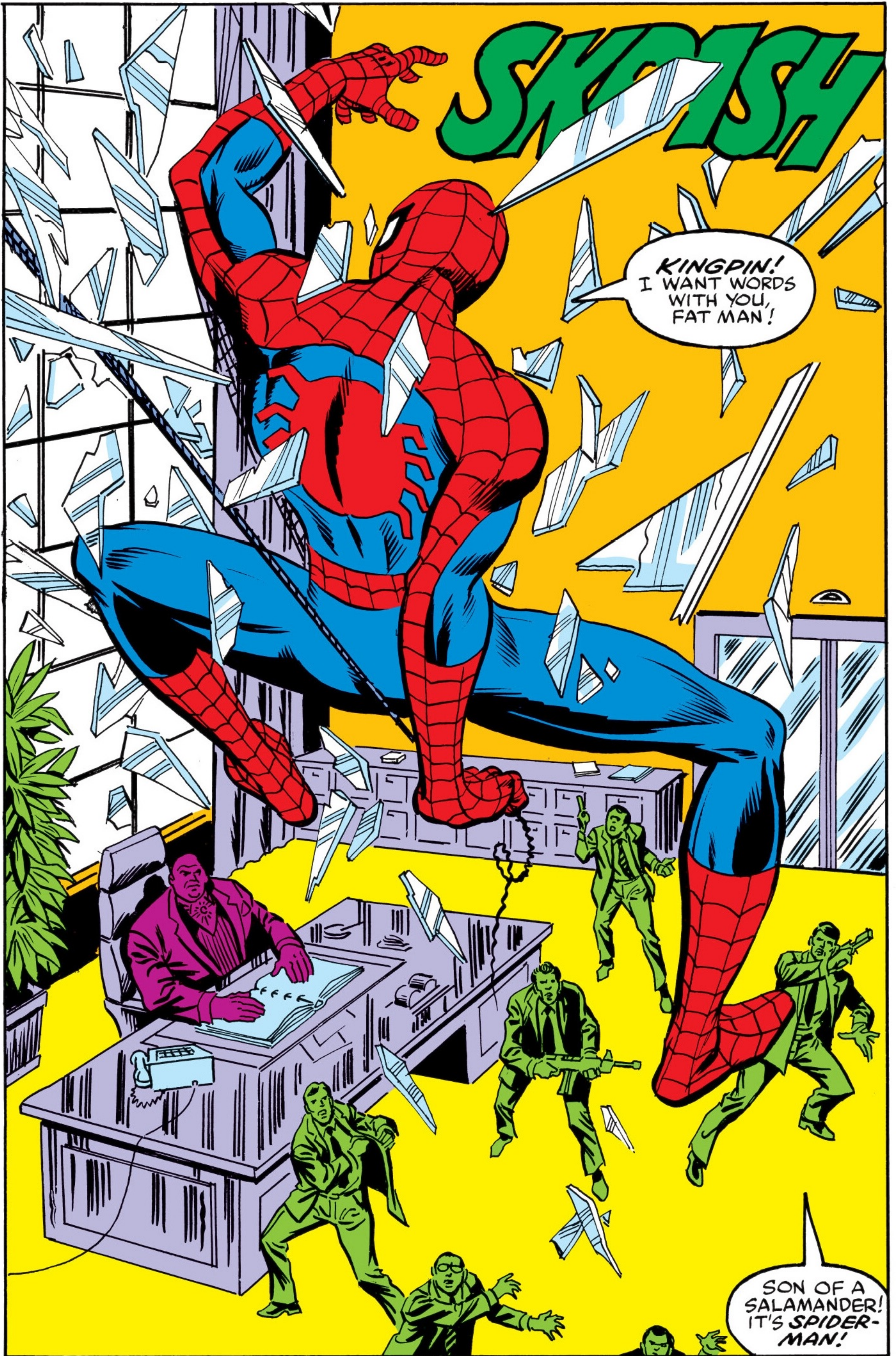


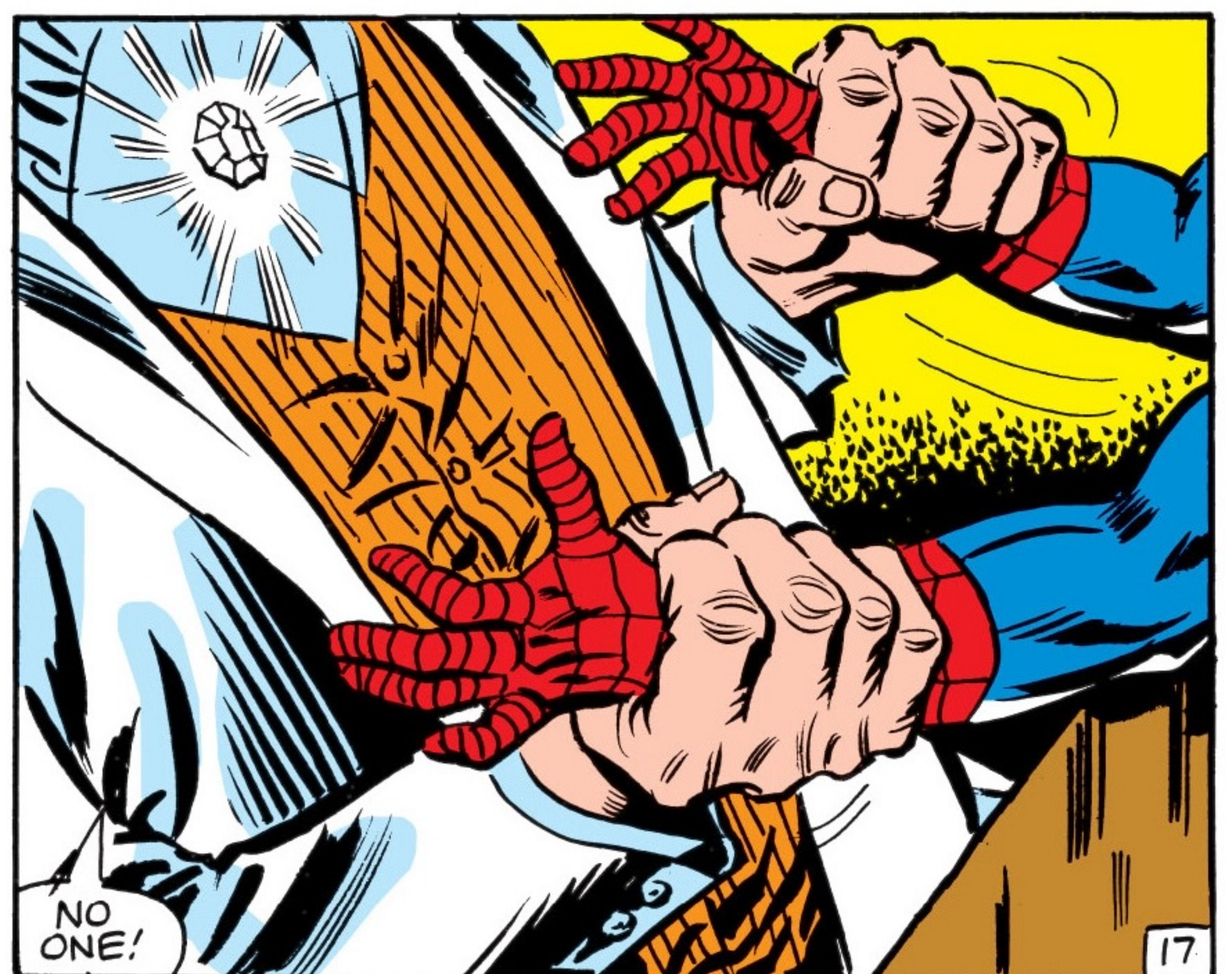


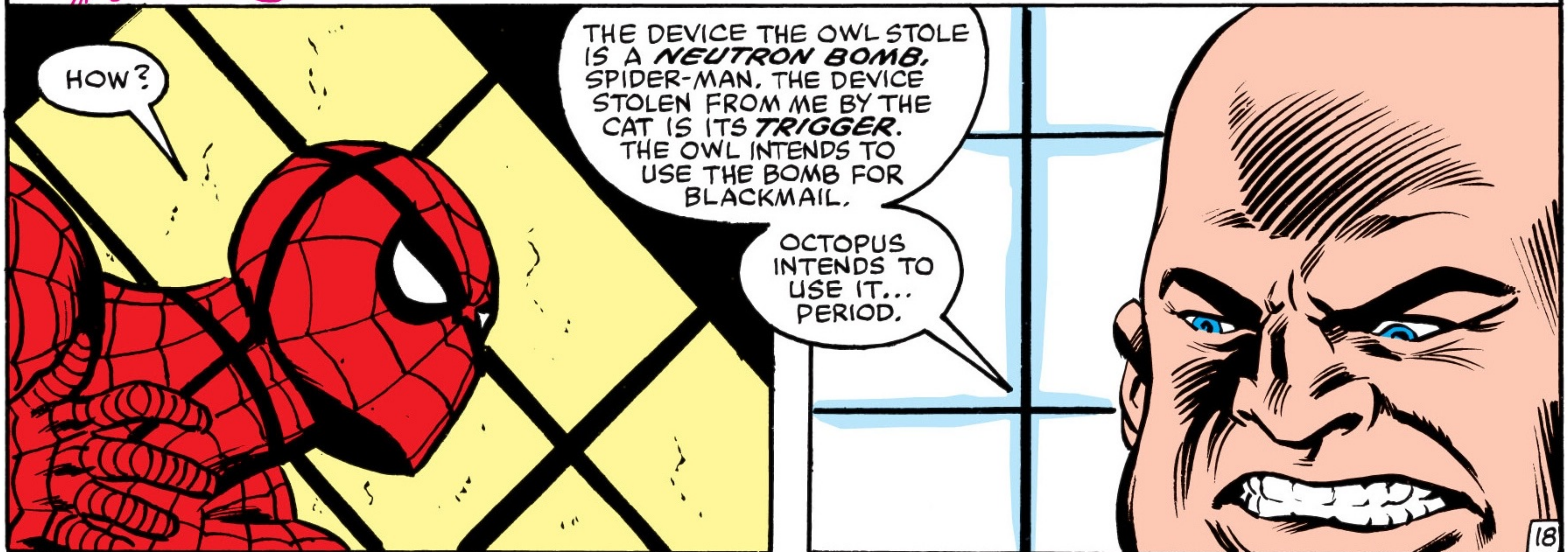
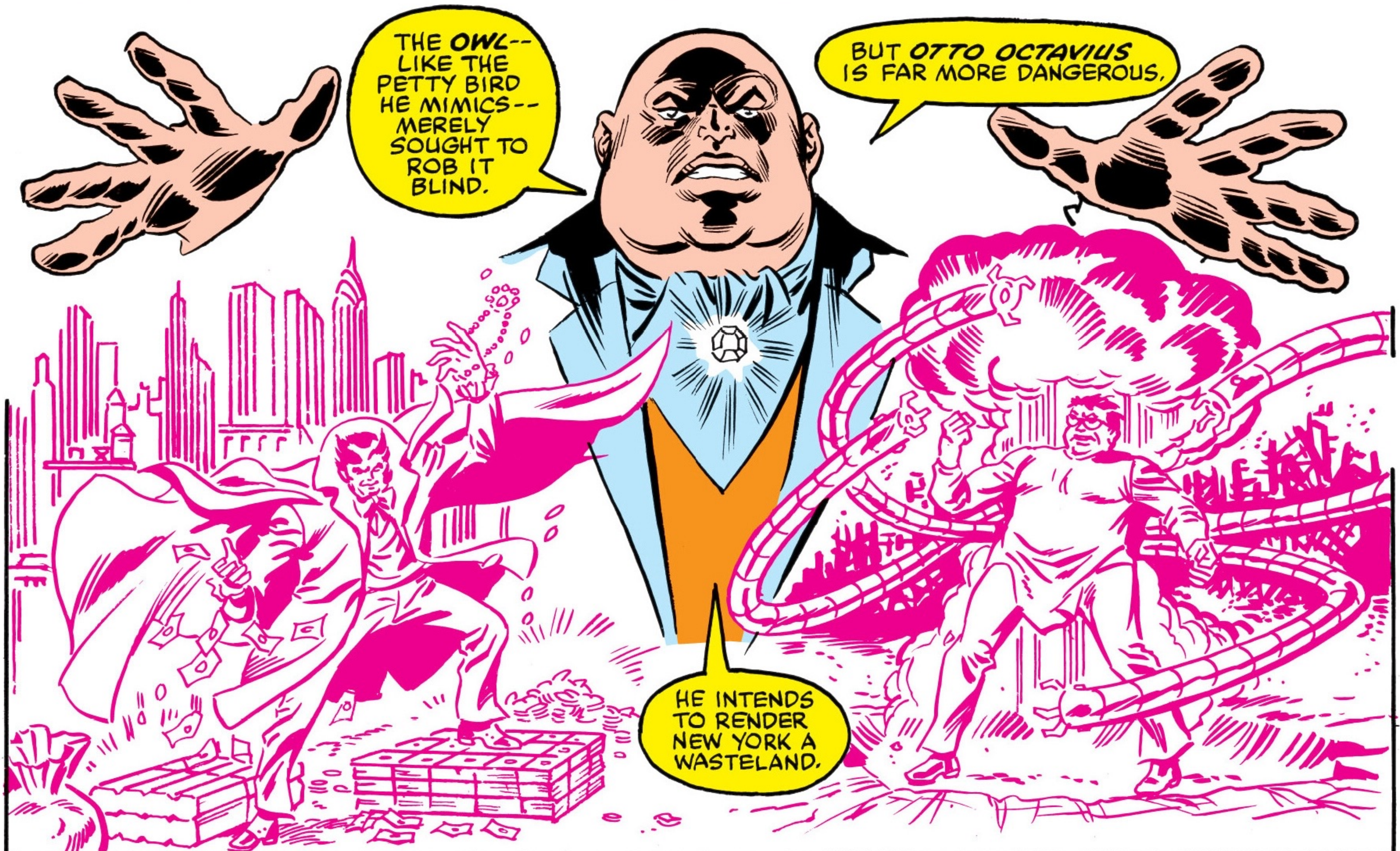
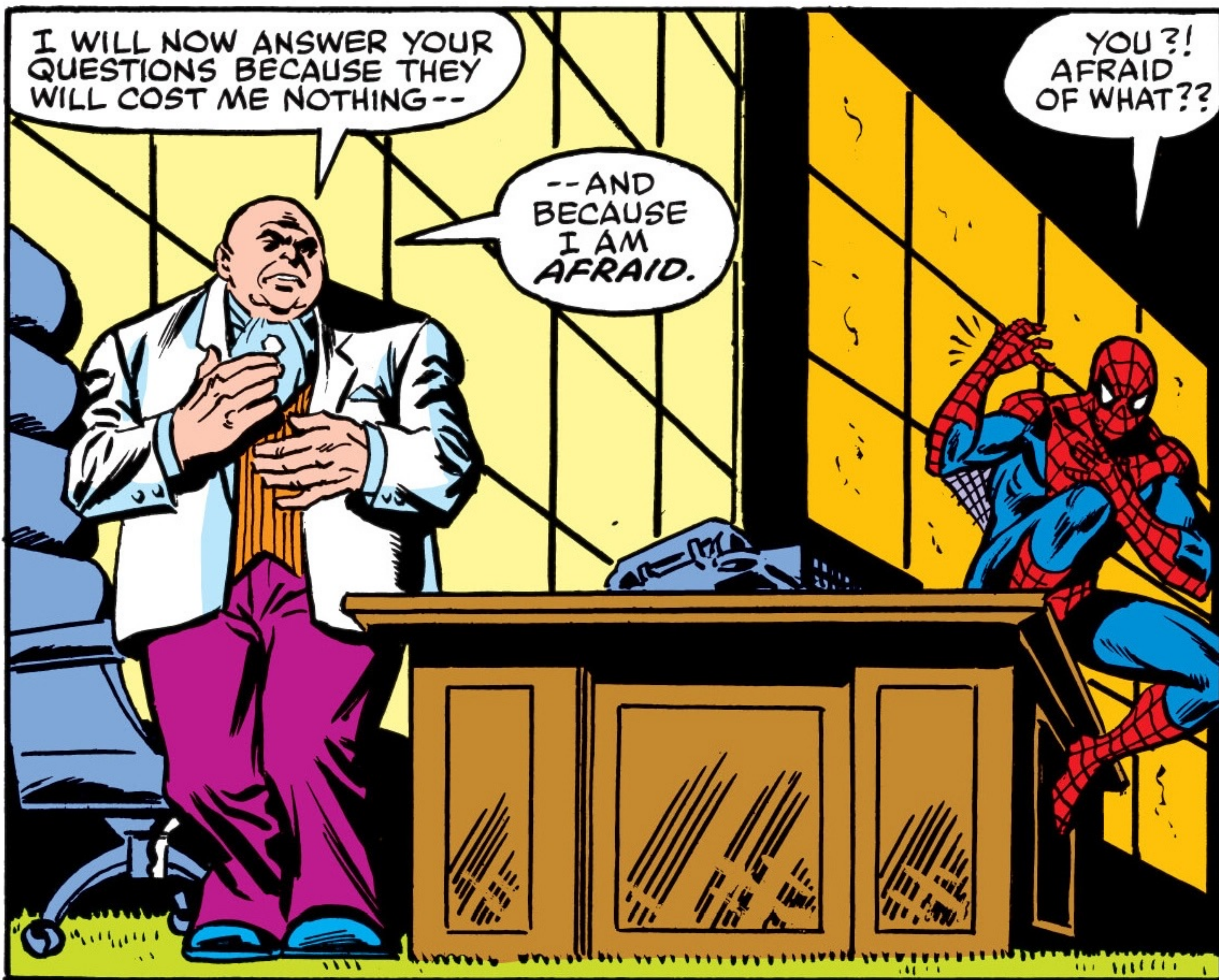


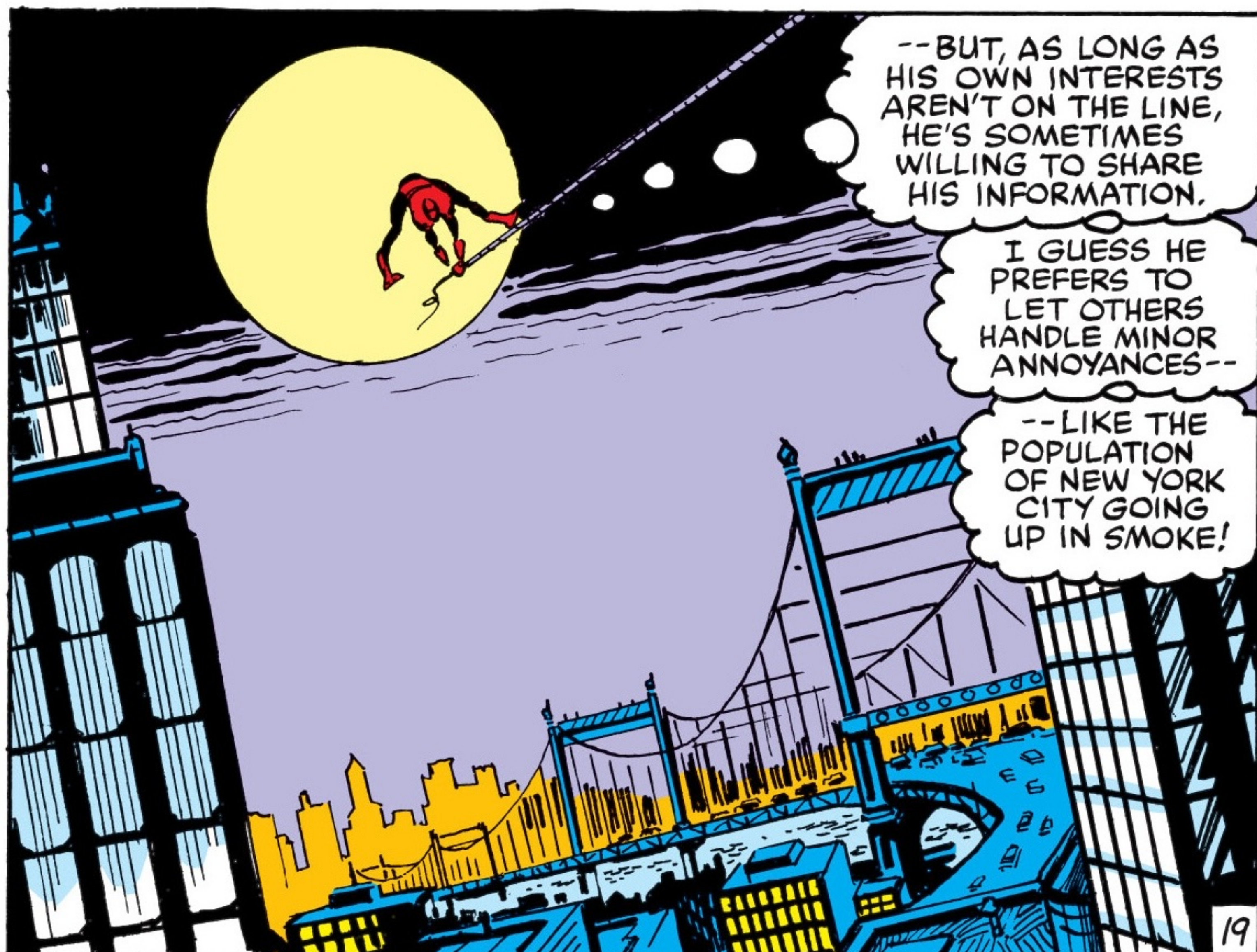
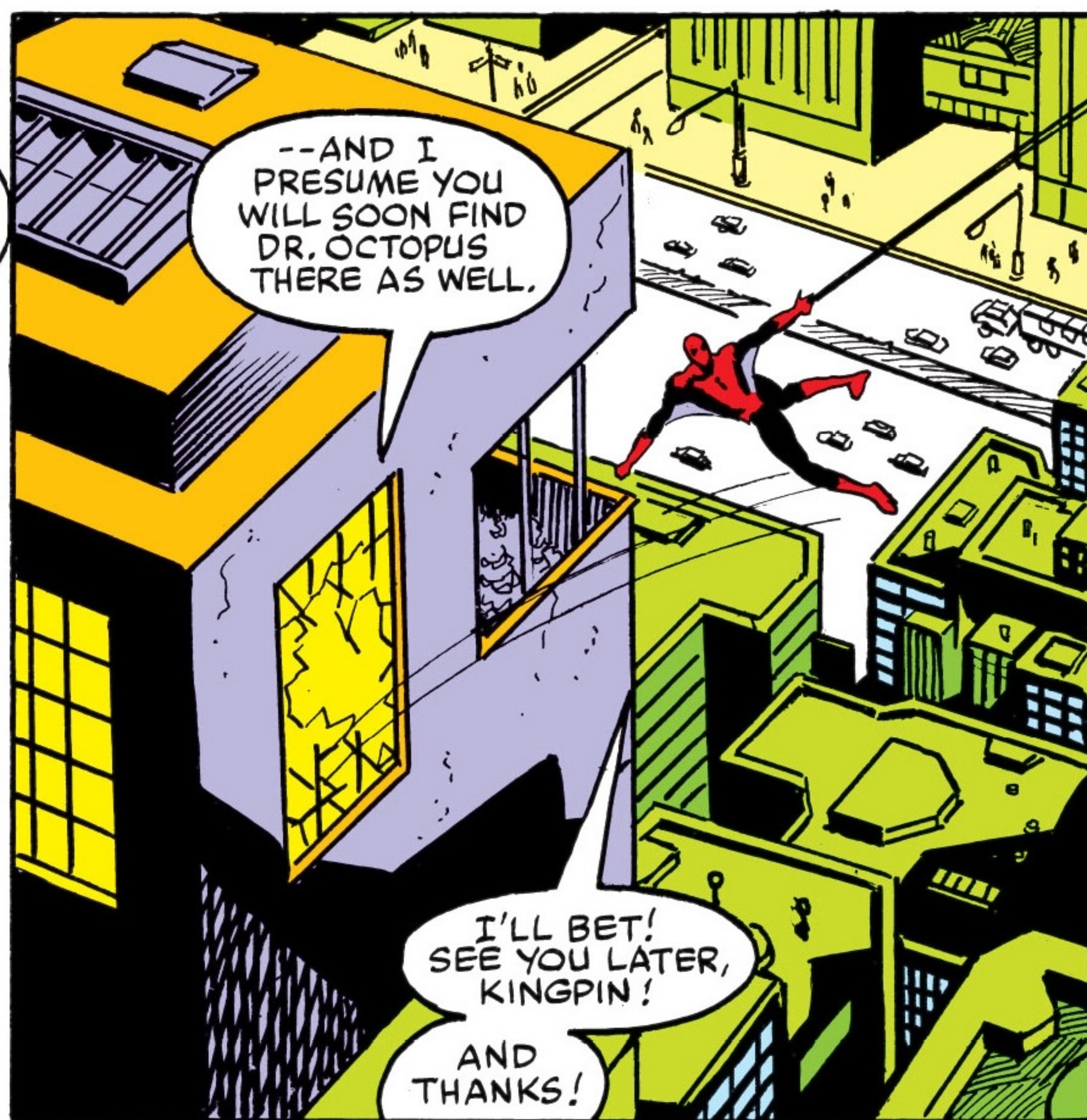


LATER...











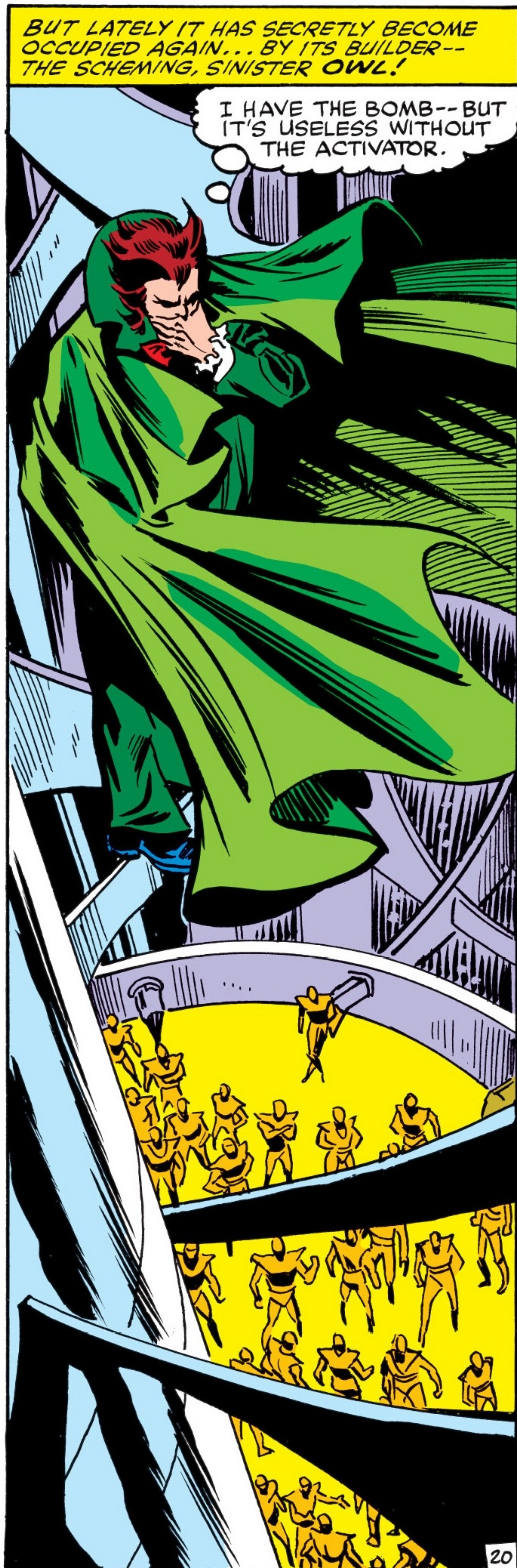
BUT I'M HAVING A
HARD TIME FEELING
AS CONCERNED ABOUT
NINE MILLION NEW
YORKERS--

--AS I AM
ABOUT A
LOVELY LADY
NAMED FELICIA
HARDY!



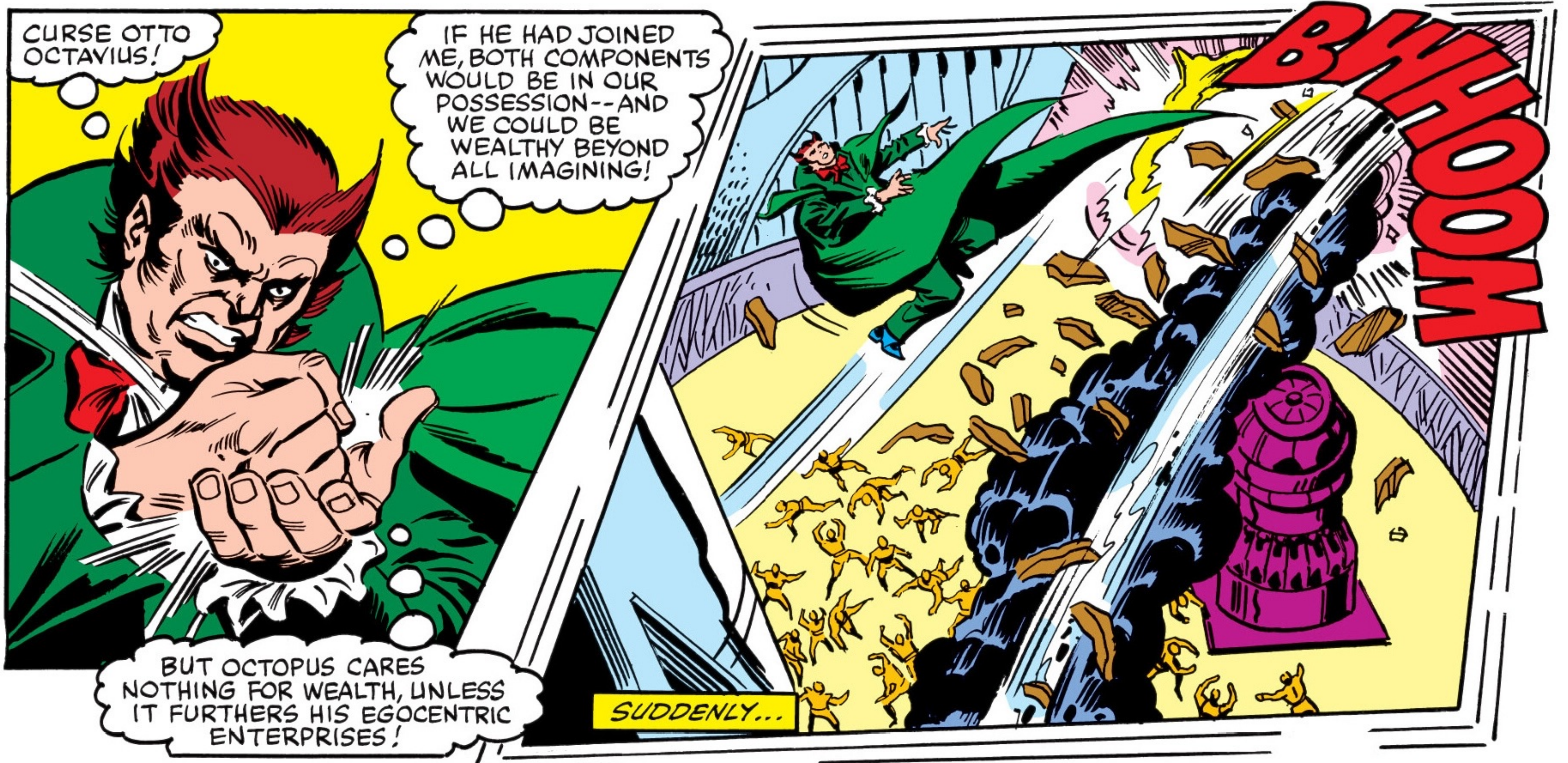
THE AERIE!

IT HAS STOOD ABANDONED
FOR SO LONG THAT TRAVELERS
UP THE HUDSON RIVER VIEW
IT LESS AS AN EDIFICE THAN
AS A NATURAL LANDMARK.

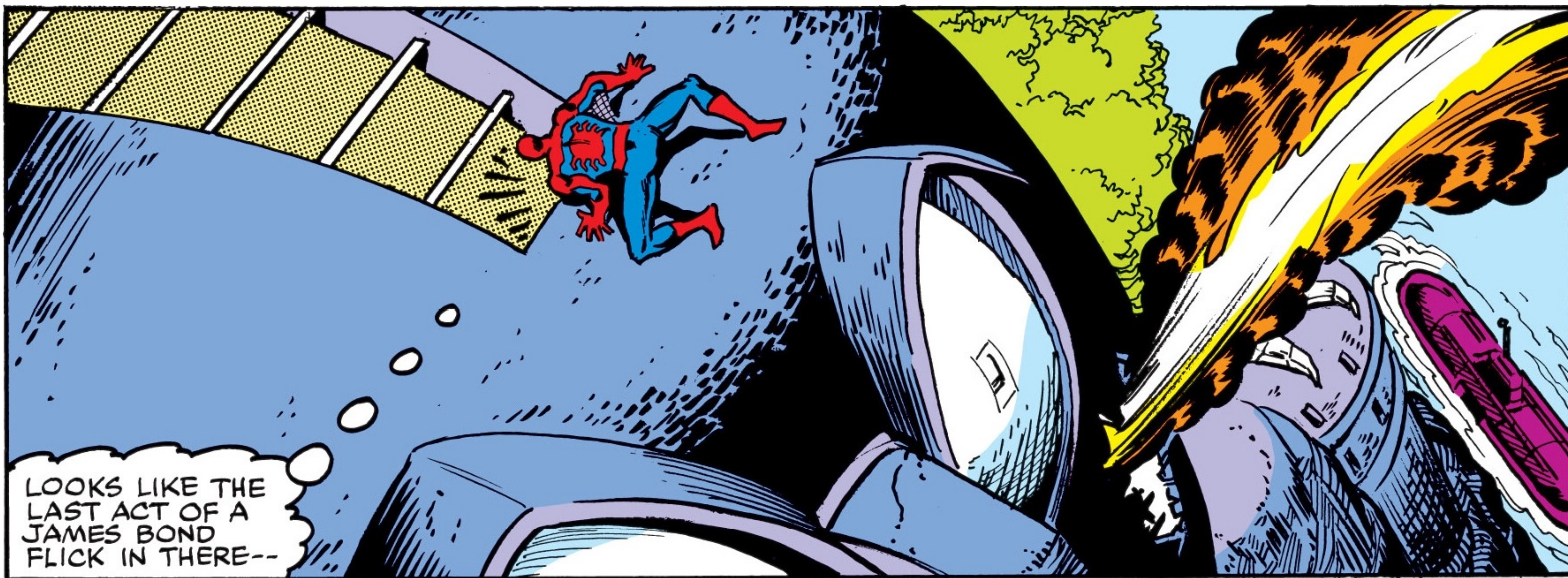


BUT LATELY IT HAS SECRETLY BECOME
OCCUPIED AGAIN... BY ITS BUILDER--
THE SCHEMING, SINISTER OWL!

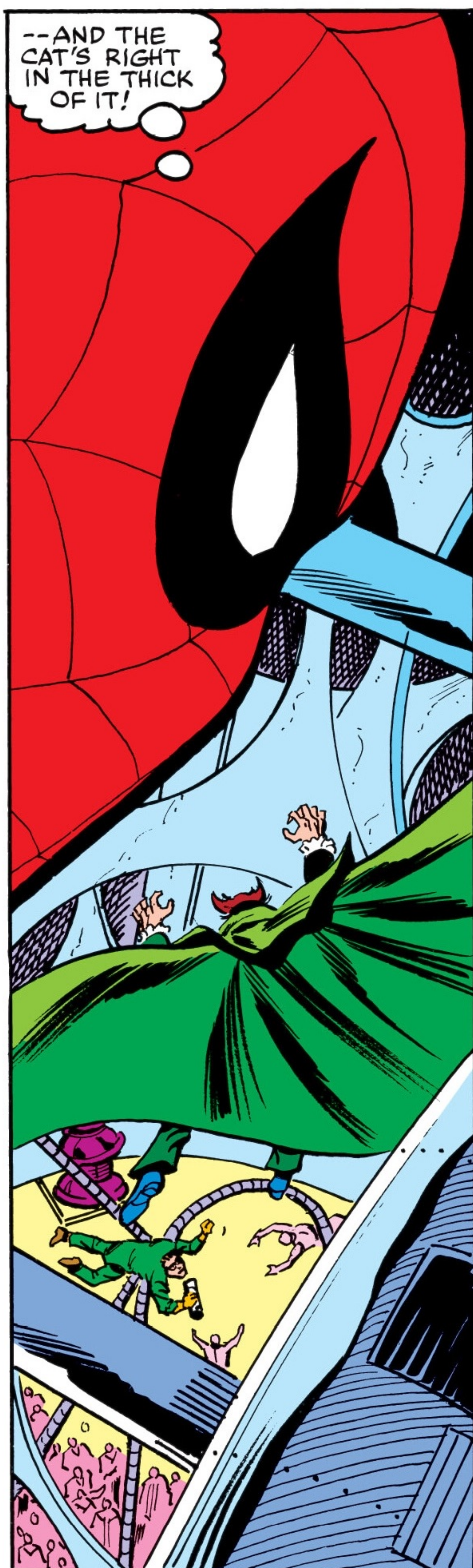
I HAVE THE BOMB-- BUT
IT'S USELESS WITHOUT
THE ACTIVATOR.







LOOKS LIKE THE
LAST ACT OF A
JAMES BOND
FLICK IN THERE--



--AND THE
CAT'S RIGHT
IN THE THICK
OF IT!



I'VE GOT TO
PULL HER OUT
BEFORE SHE
GETS HURT!

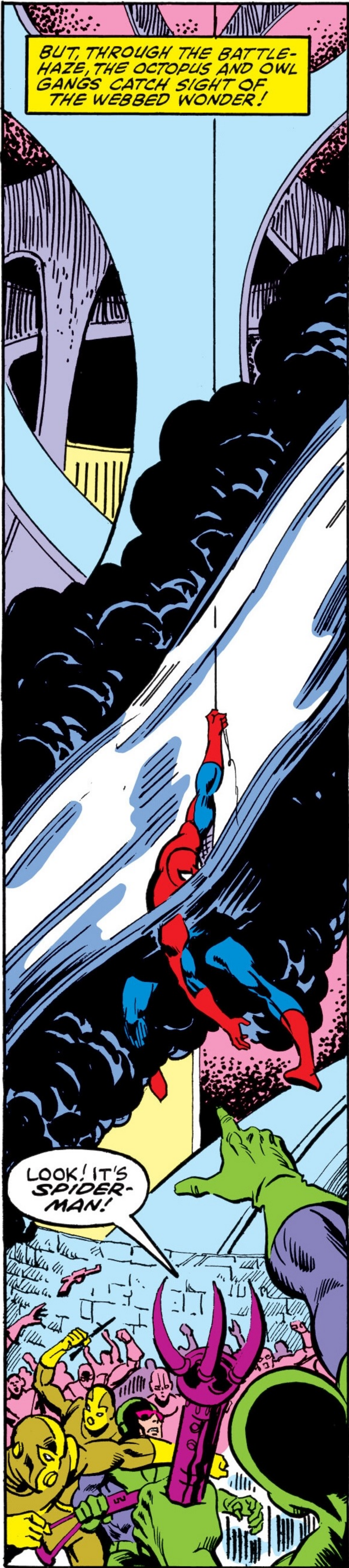
AND TRY
TO SAVE
THE BIG
APPLE!

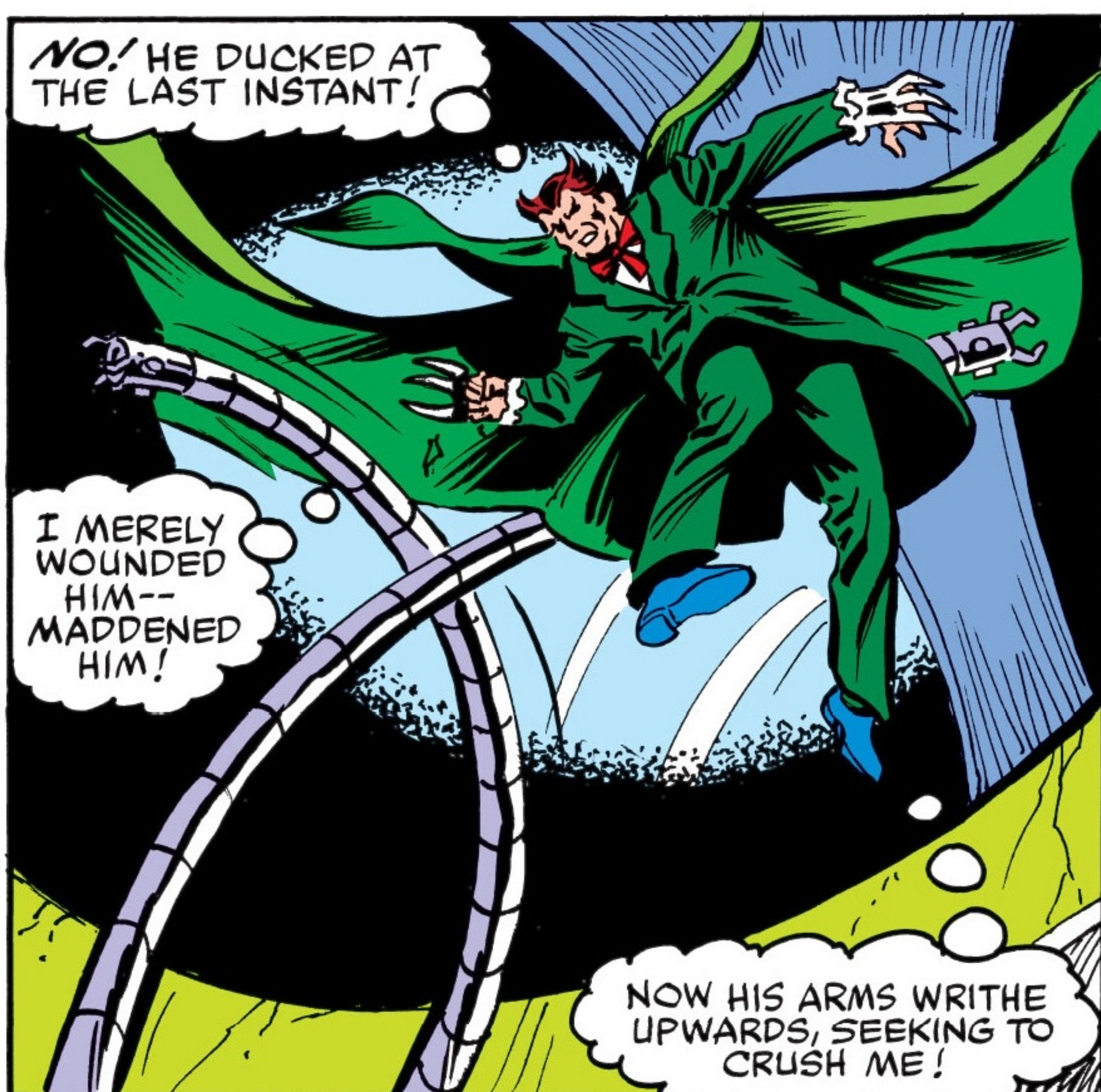
BUT, BEFORE
SPIDER-MAN
CAN REACH
EITHER THE
CAT OR THE
COMBATANTS...

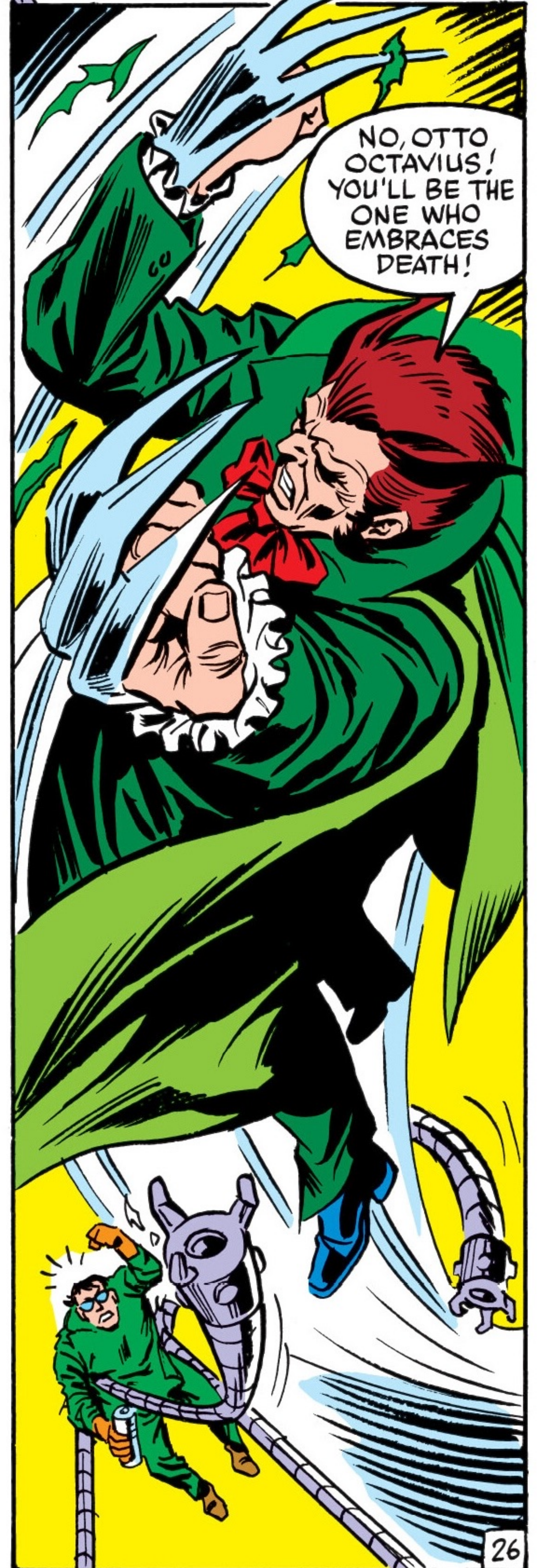
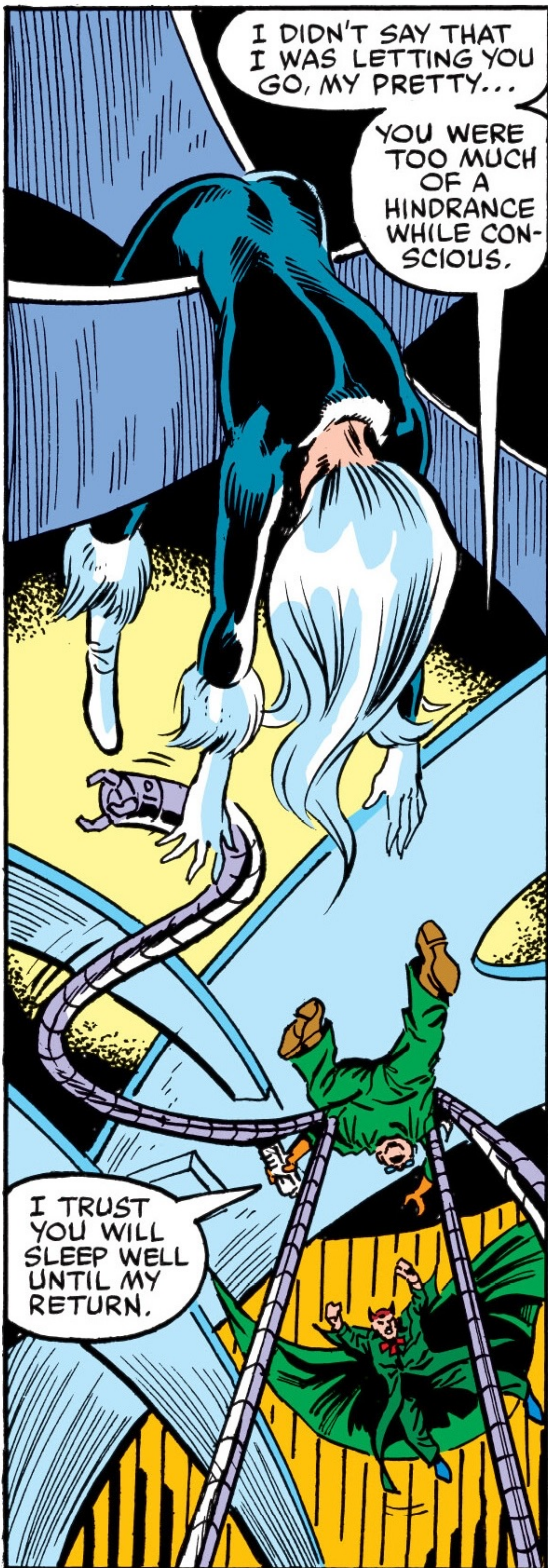
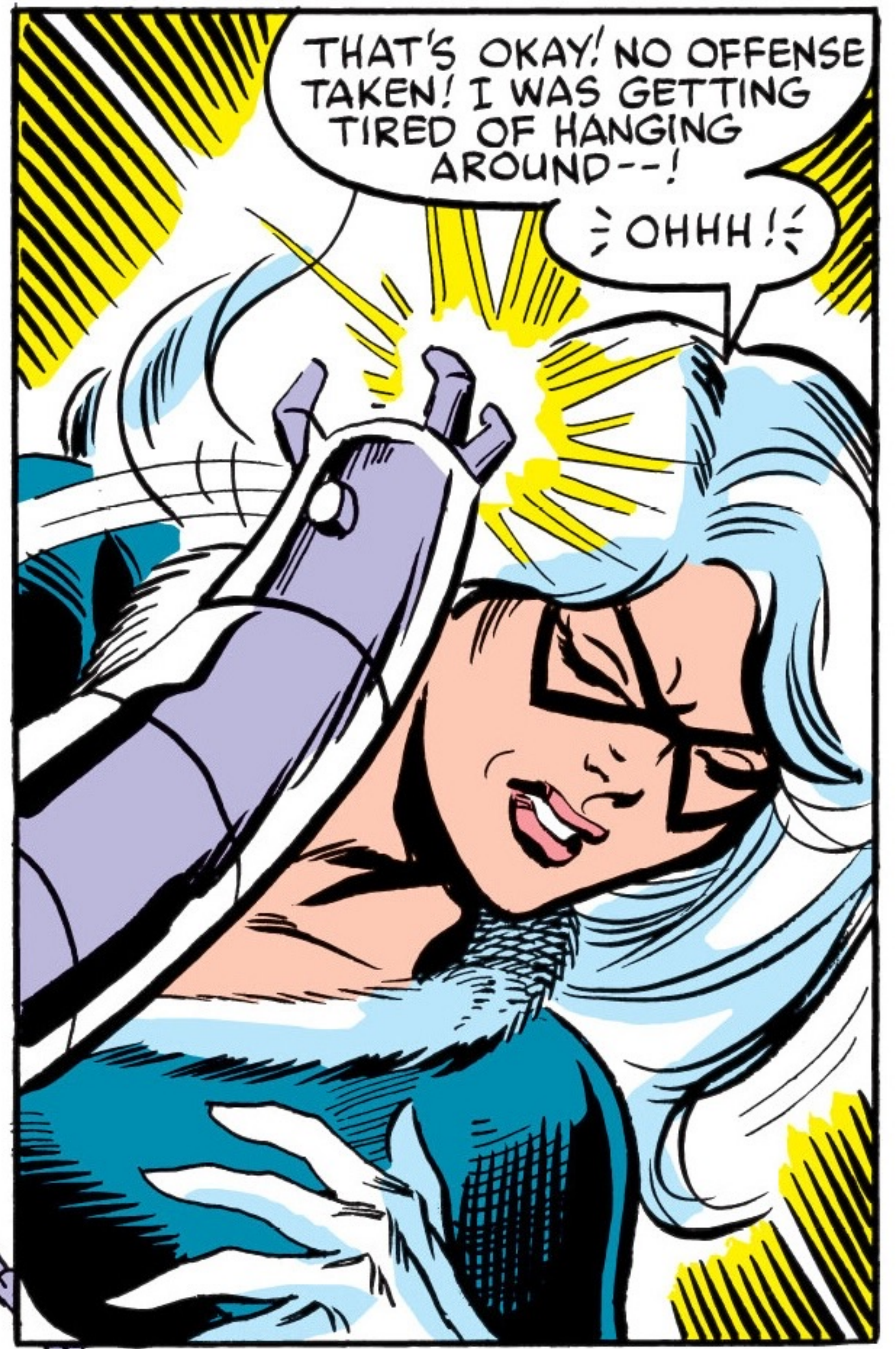


CAN'T SEE!
I'VE LOST
SIGHT OF
OCK, OWL AND
FELICIA!

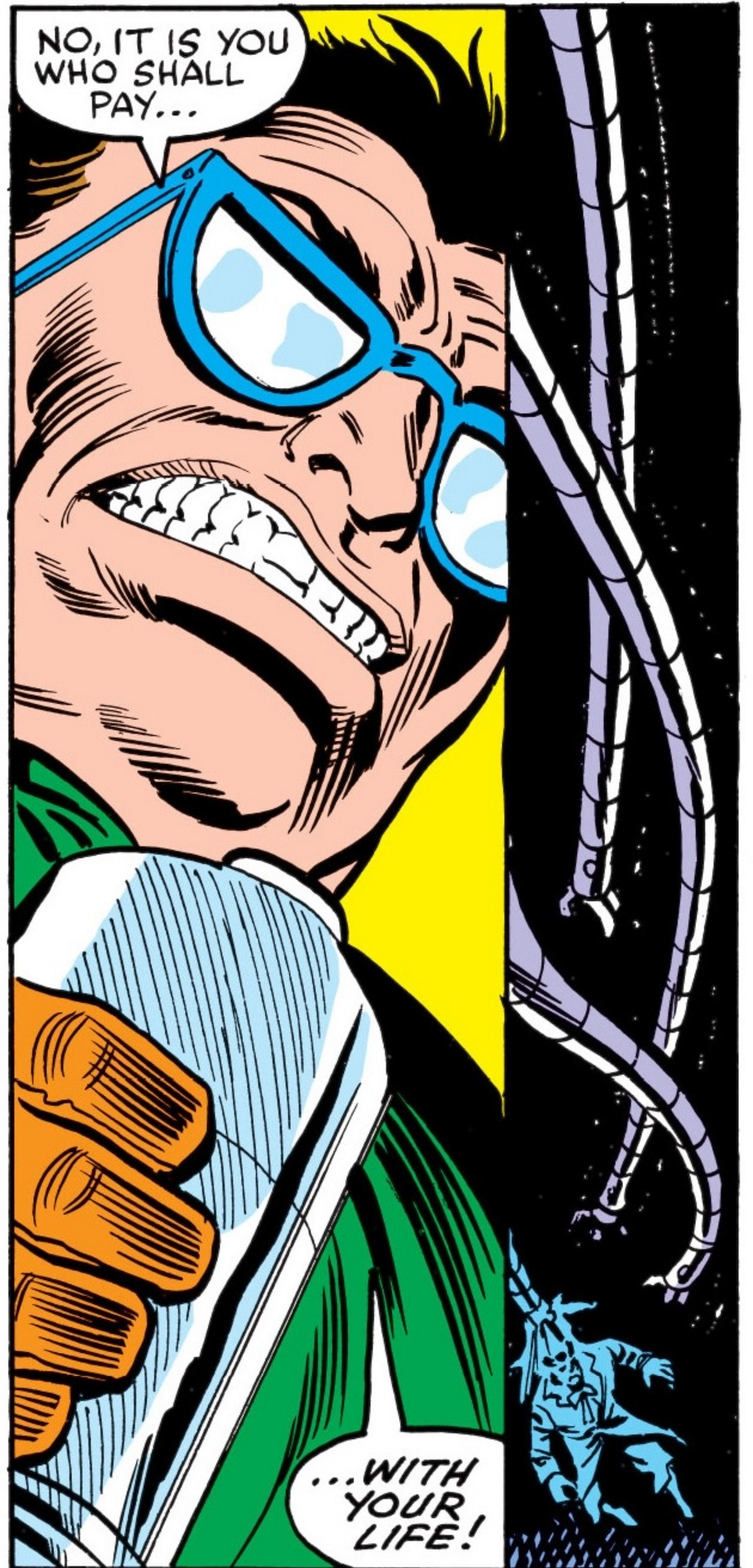
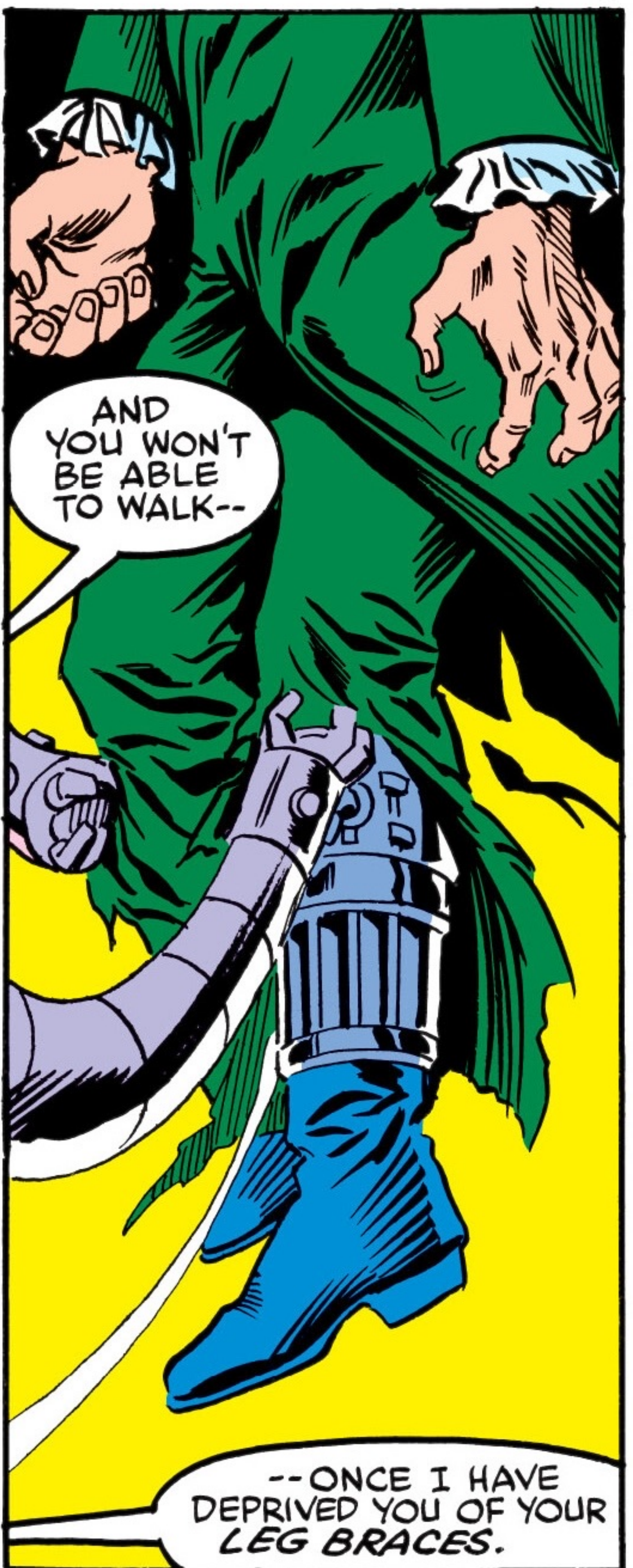
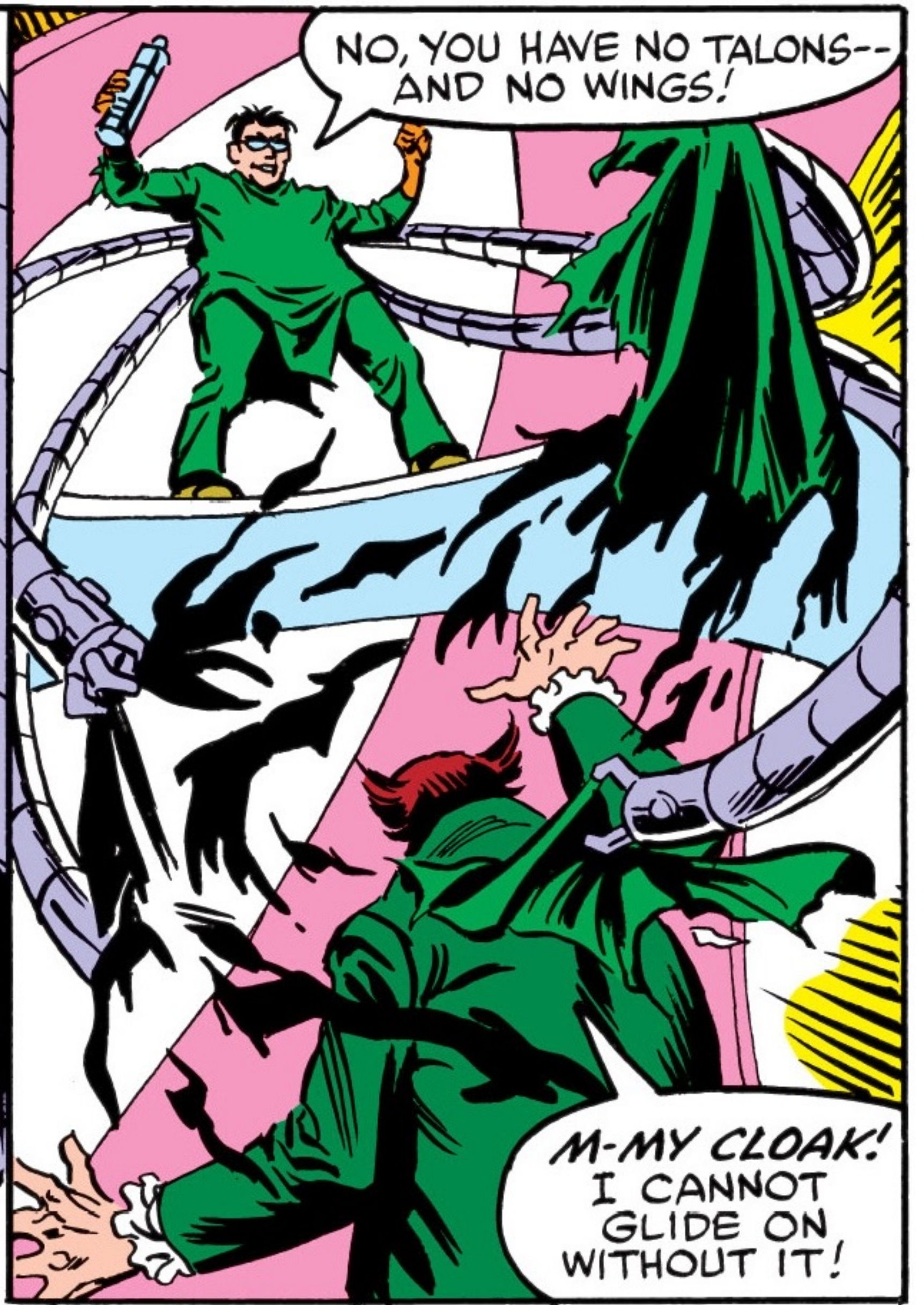
... HIS VISION IS OBSCURED BY
ACRID SMOKE RISING FROM THE
BATTLE BELOW.













THOUGH IT IS AS DARK AS PITCH INSIDE THE OWL'S AERIE, THE AMAZING ARACHNID'S SPIDER-SENSE LEADS HIM UNERRINGLY FORWARD...

UNCANNILY, HE CLINGS TO CURVED ARCHWAYS--

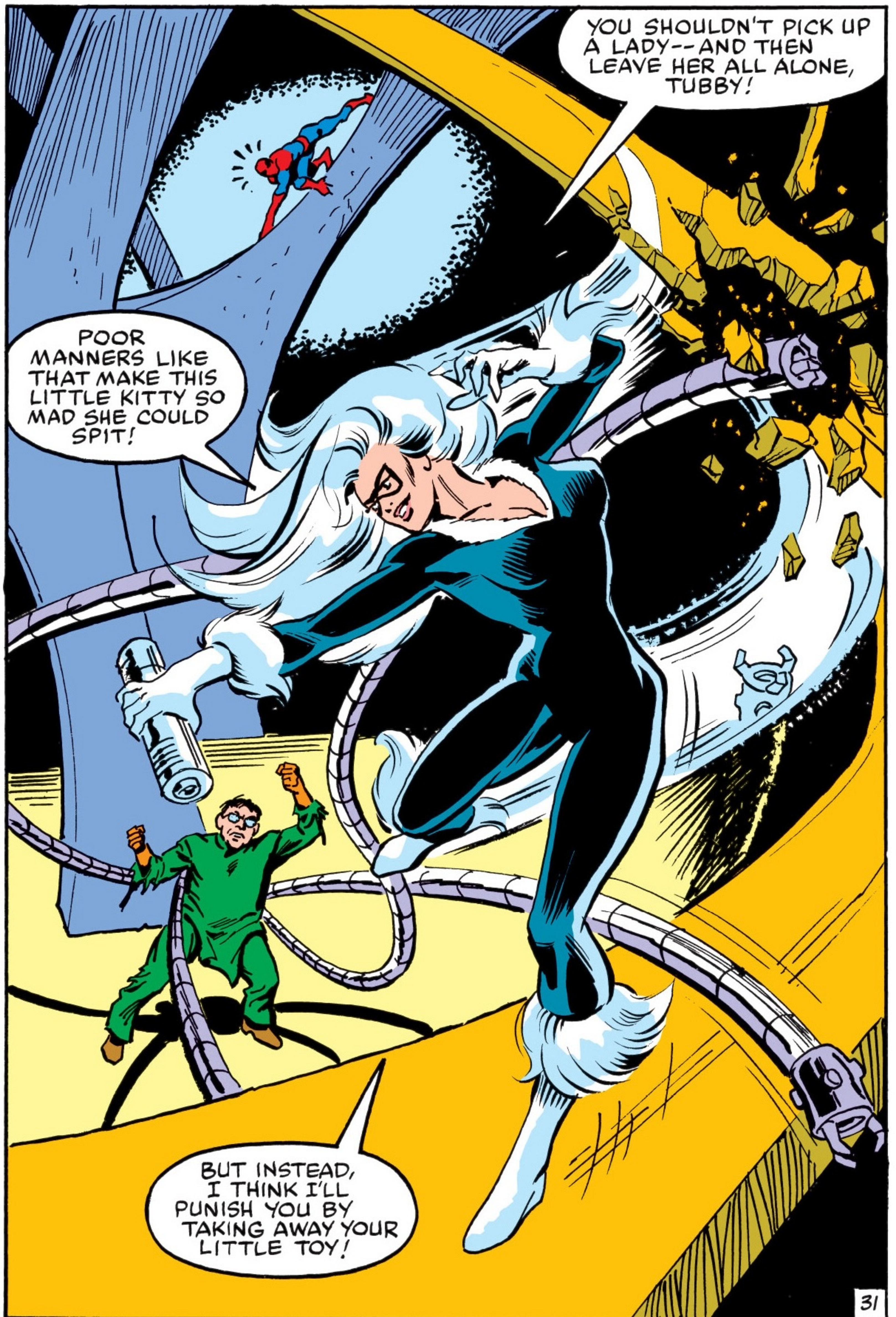
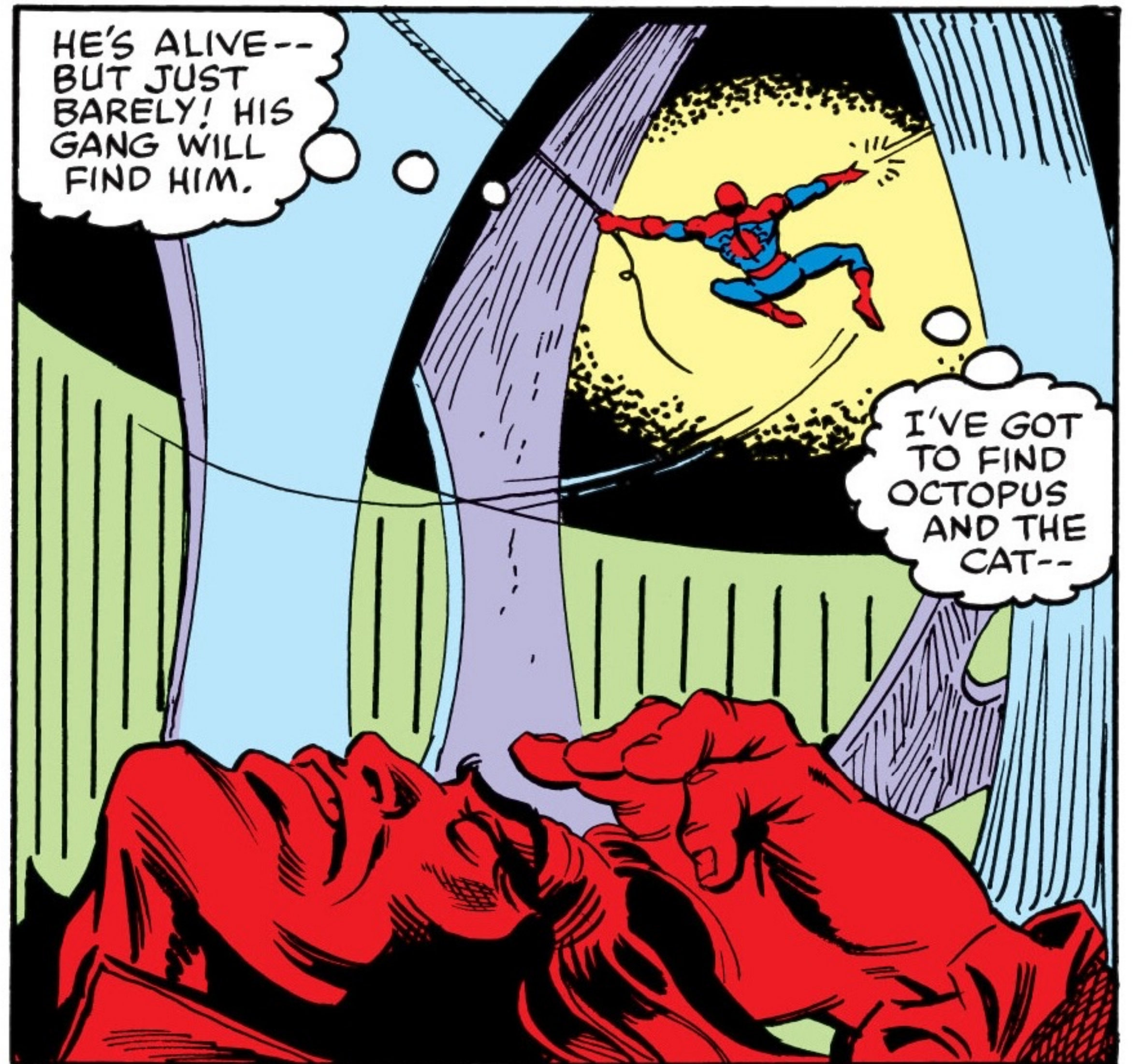
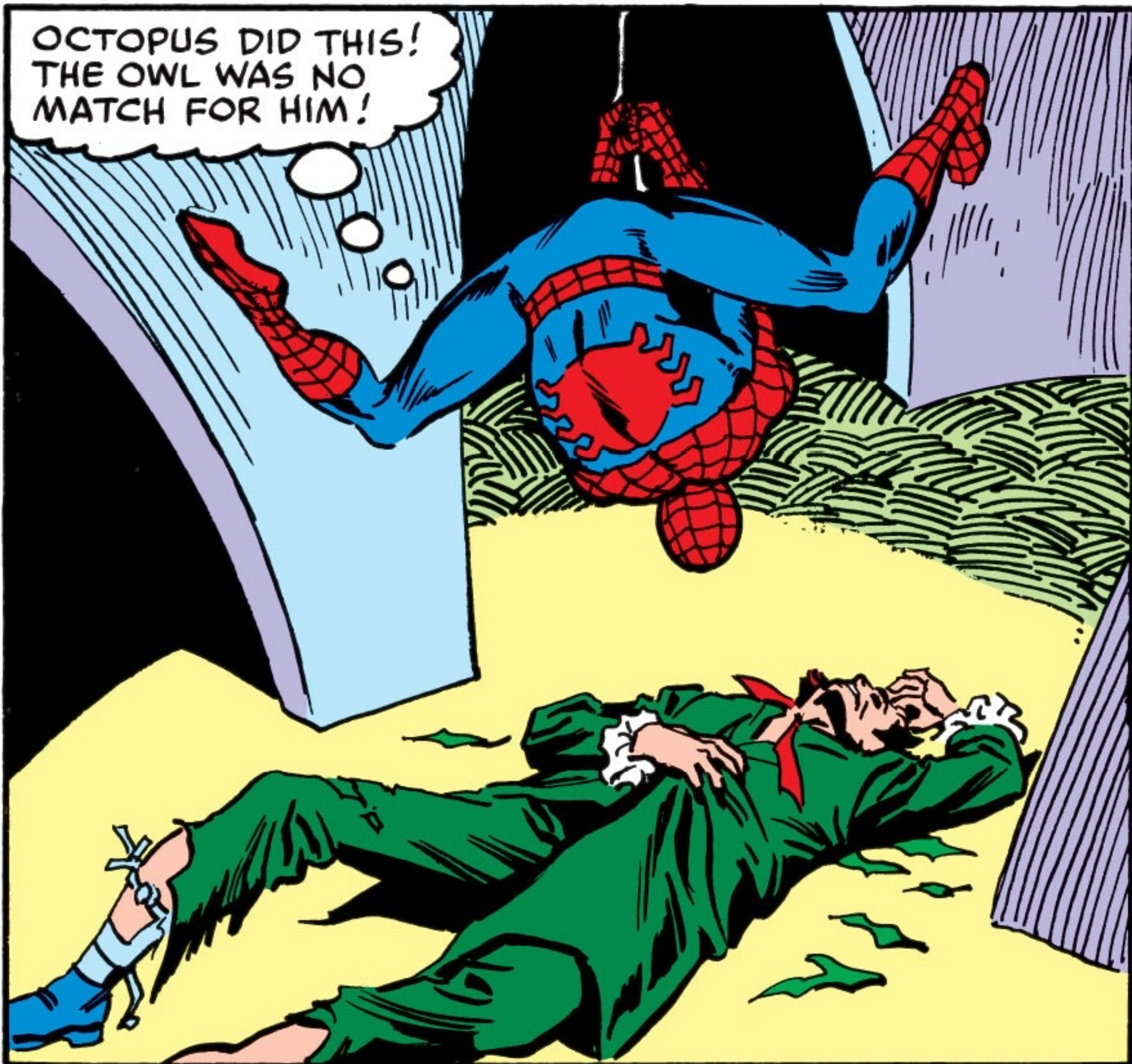
--AND SWINGS THROUGH SPACE ON HIS WONDROUS WEB-LINE--

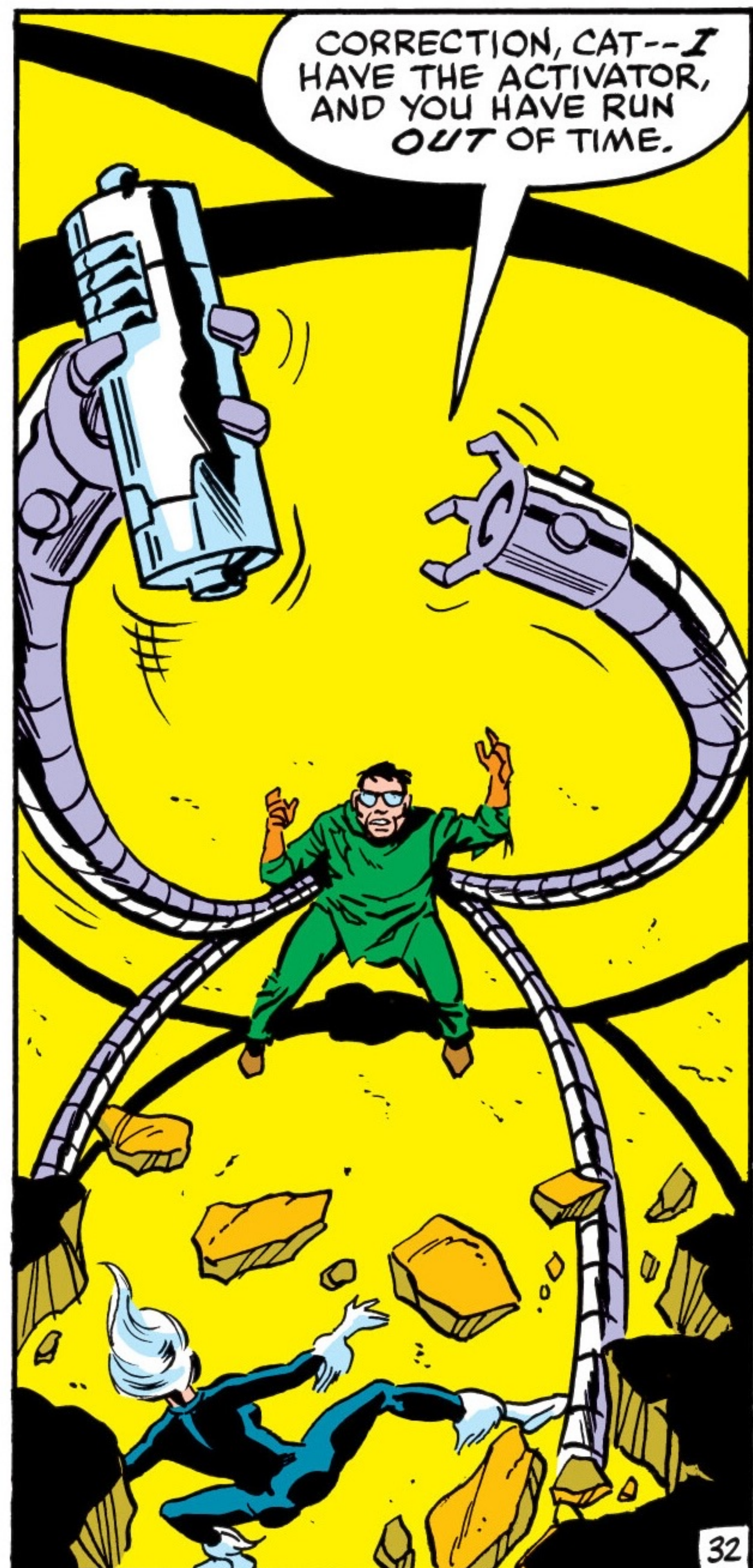
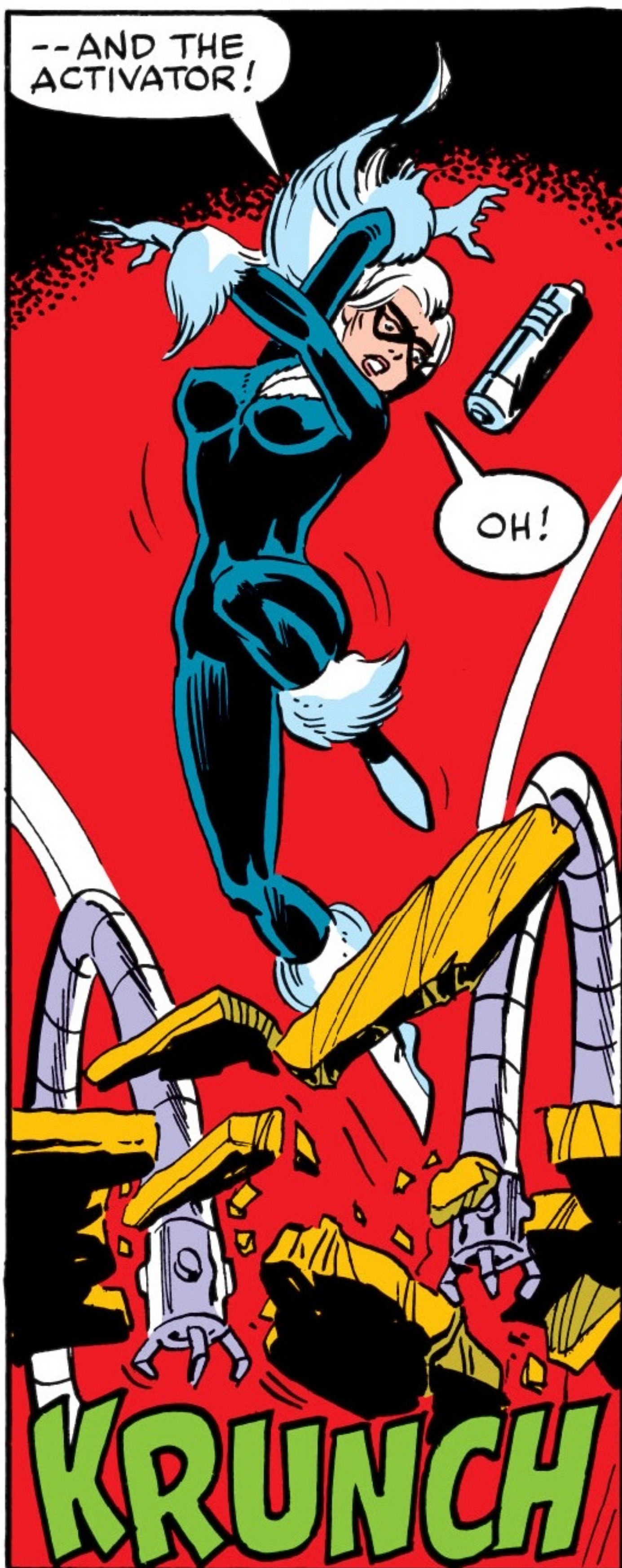
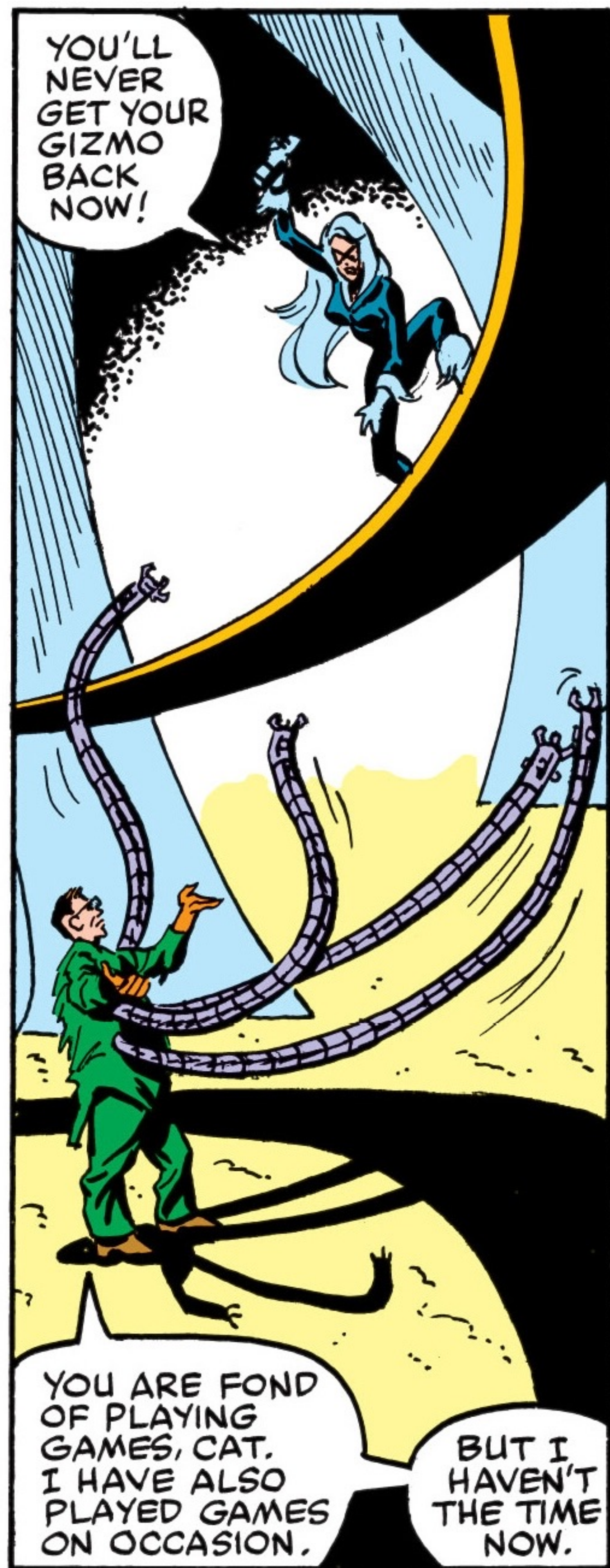
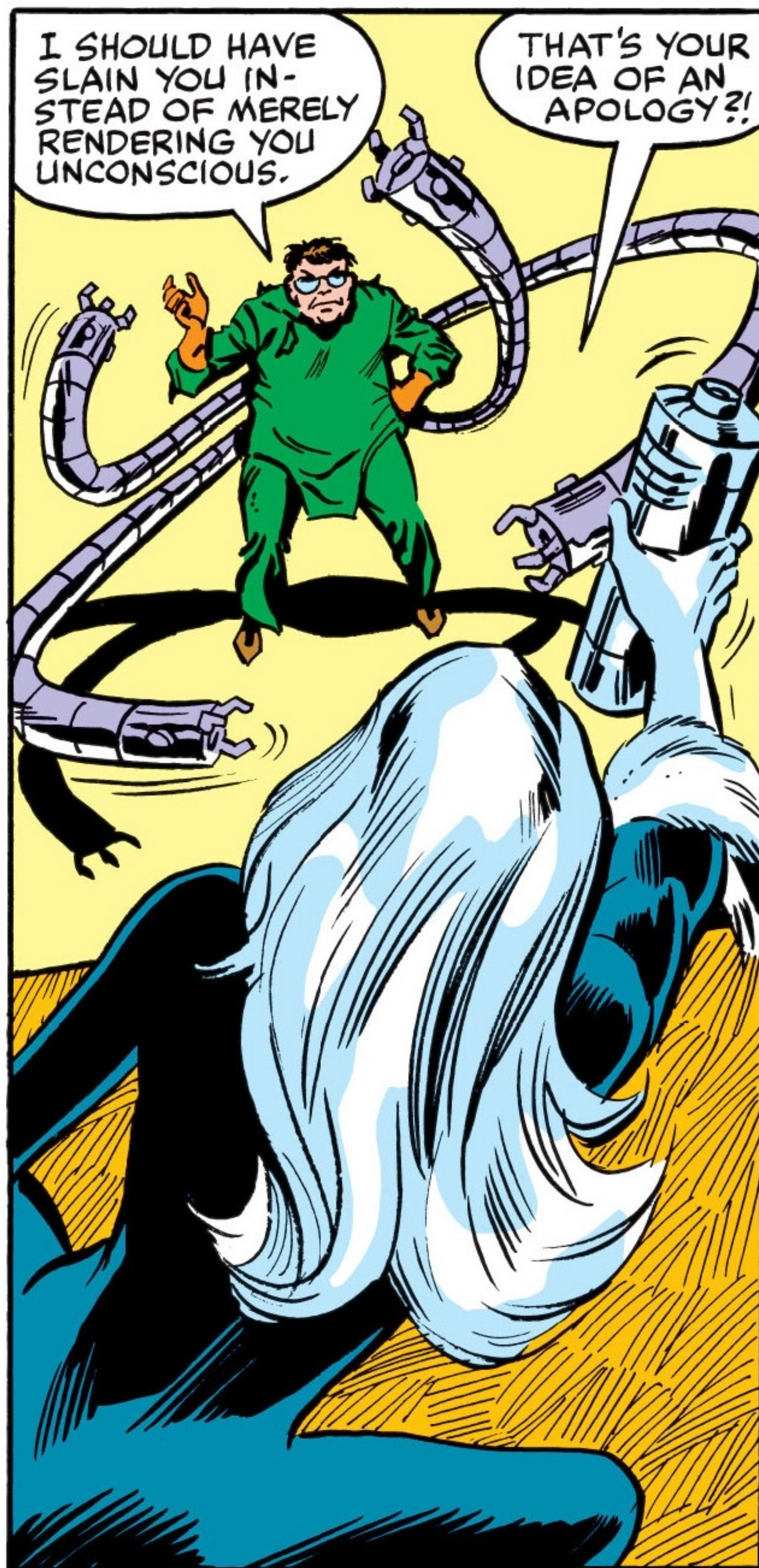
I'M GETTING CLOSER! I CAN SENSE IT!

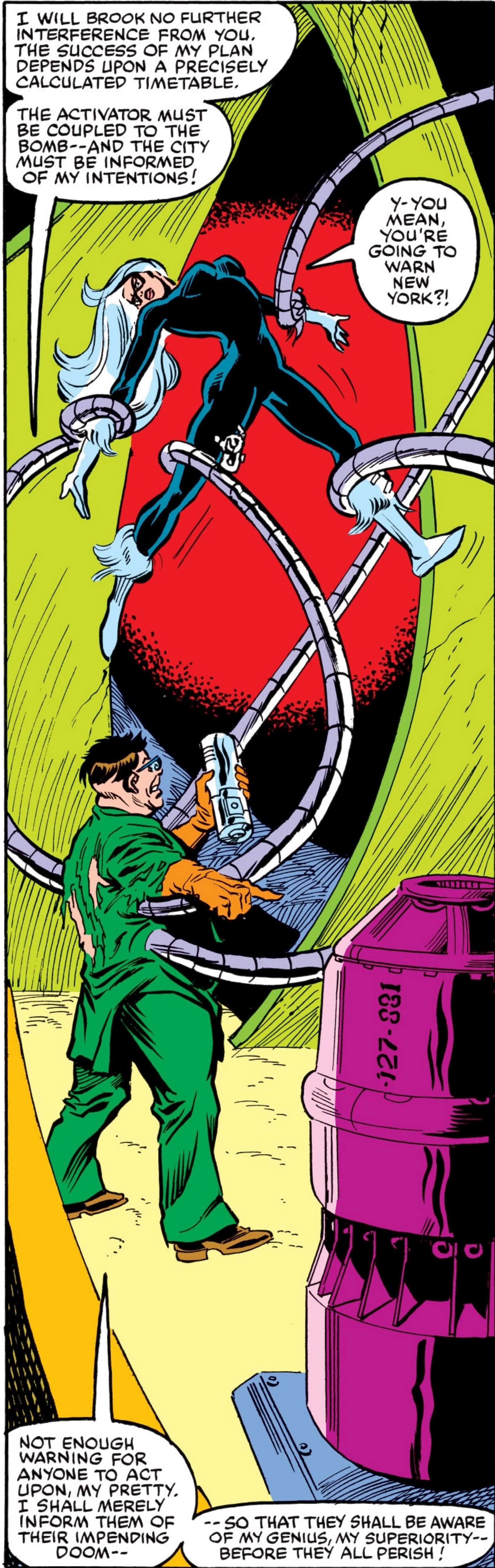
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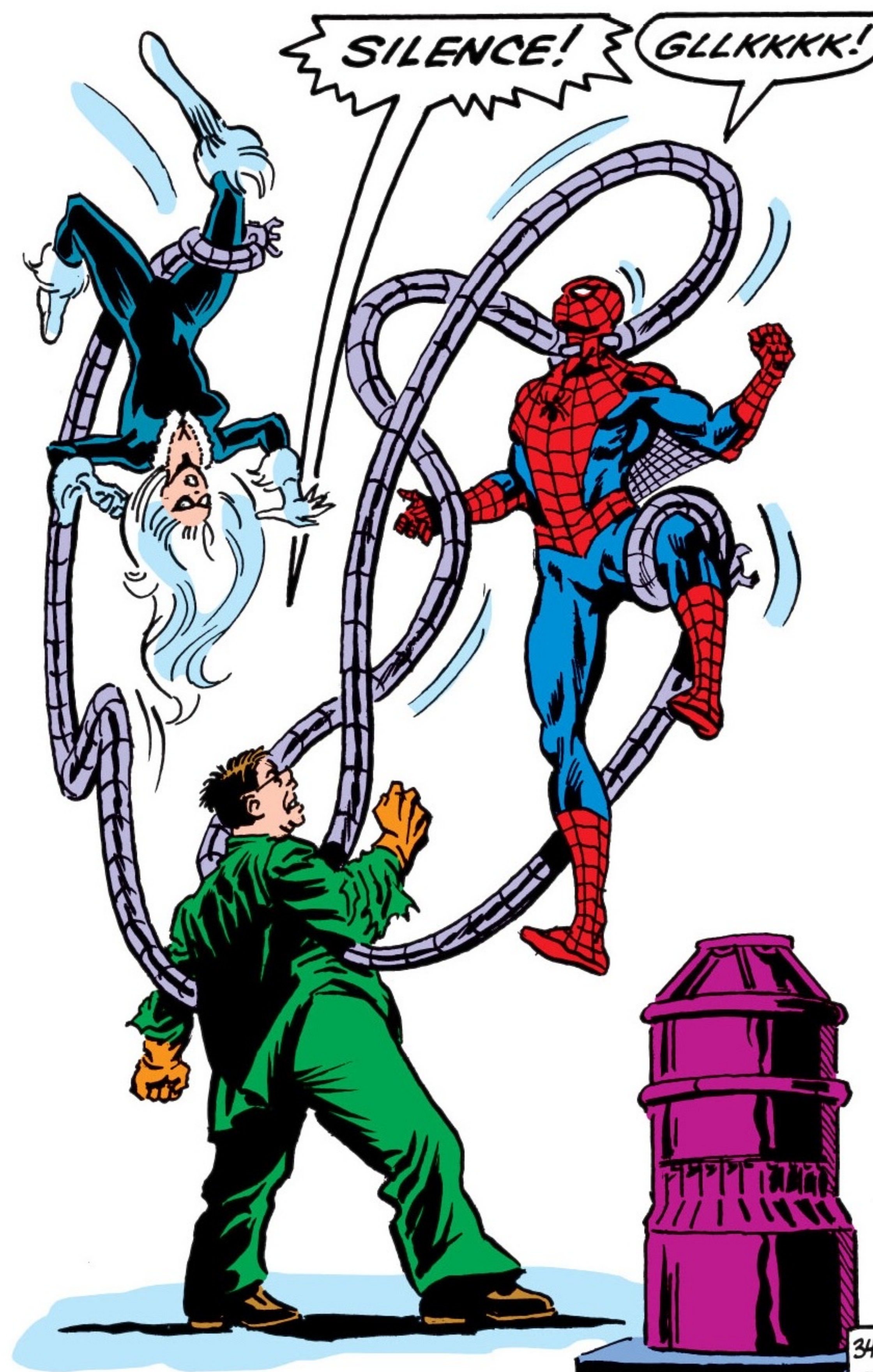
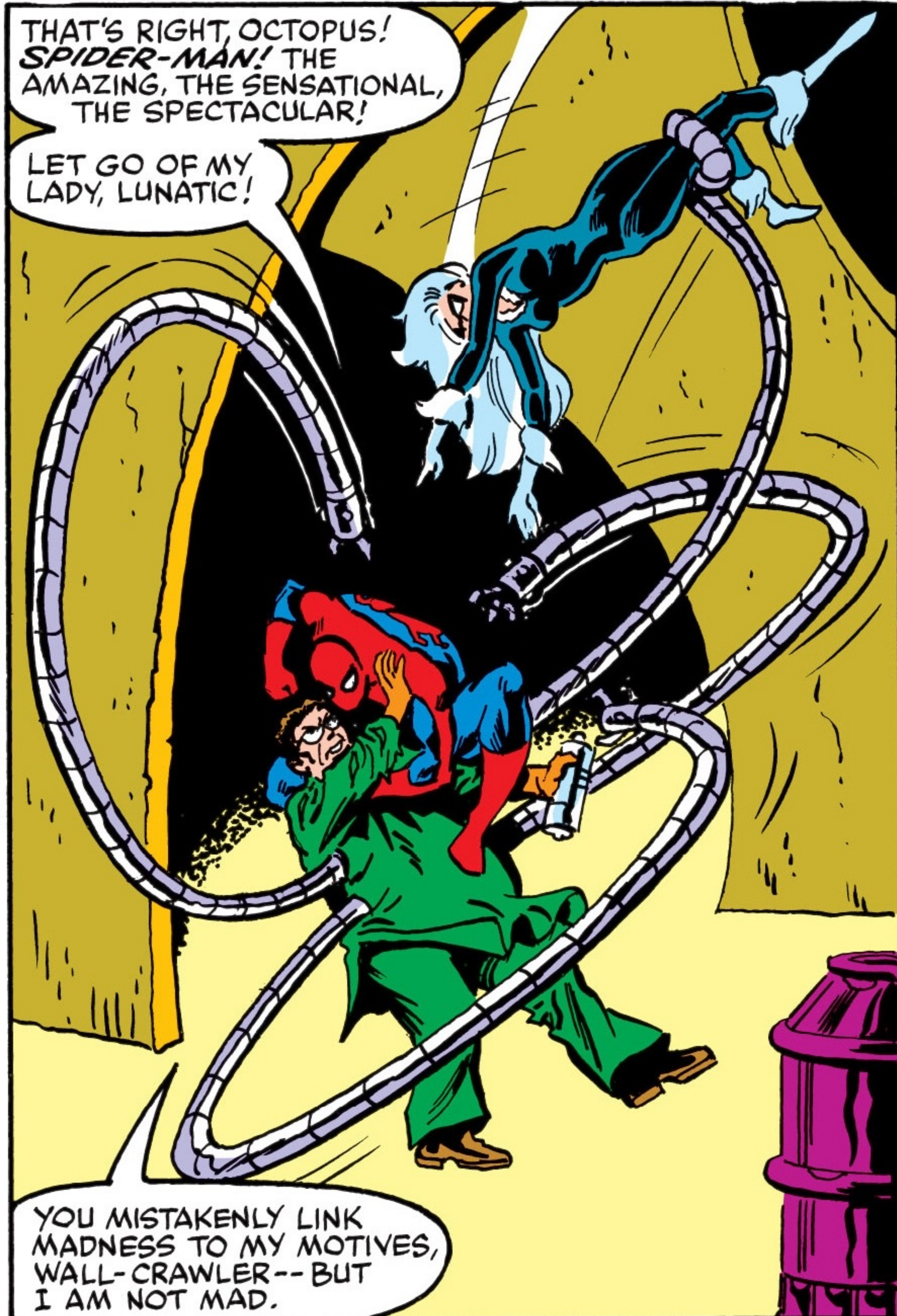
THE OWL...
...OR
WHAT'S LEFT
OF HIM!

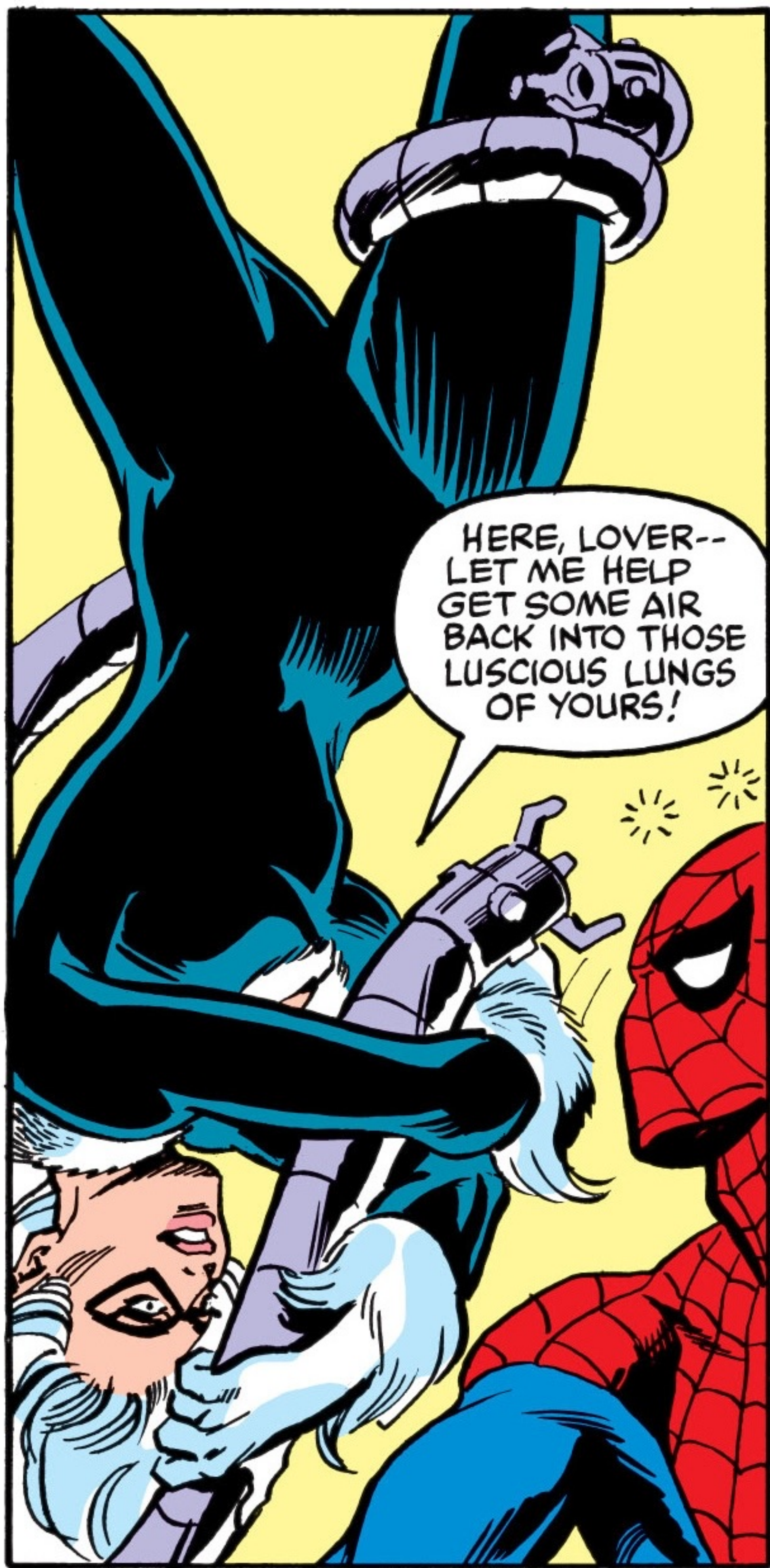
--WHICH IS SO IMPOSSIBLY SLENDER AS TO ALMOST APPEAR INVISIBLE, AND YET, SO INCREDIBLY STRONG AS TO BE ALMOST UNBREAKABLE!







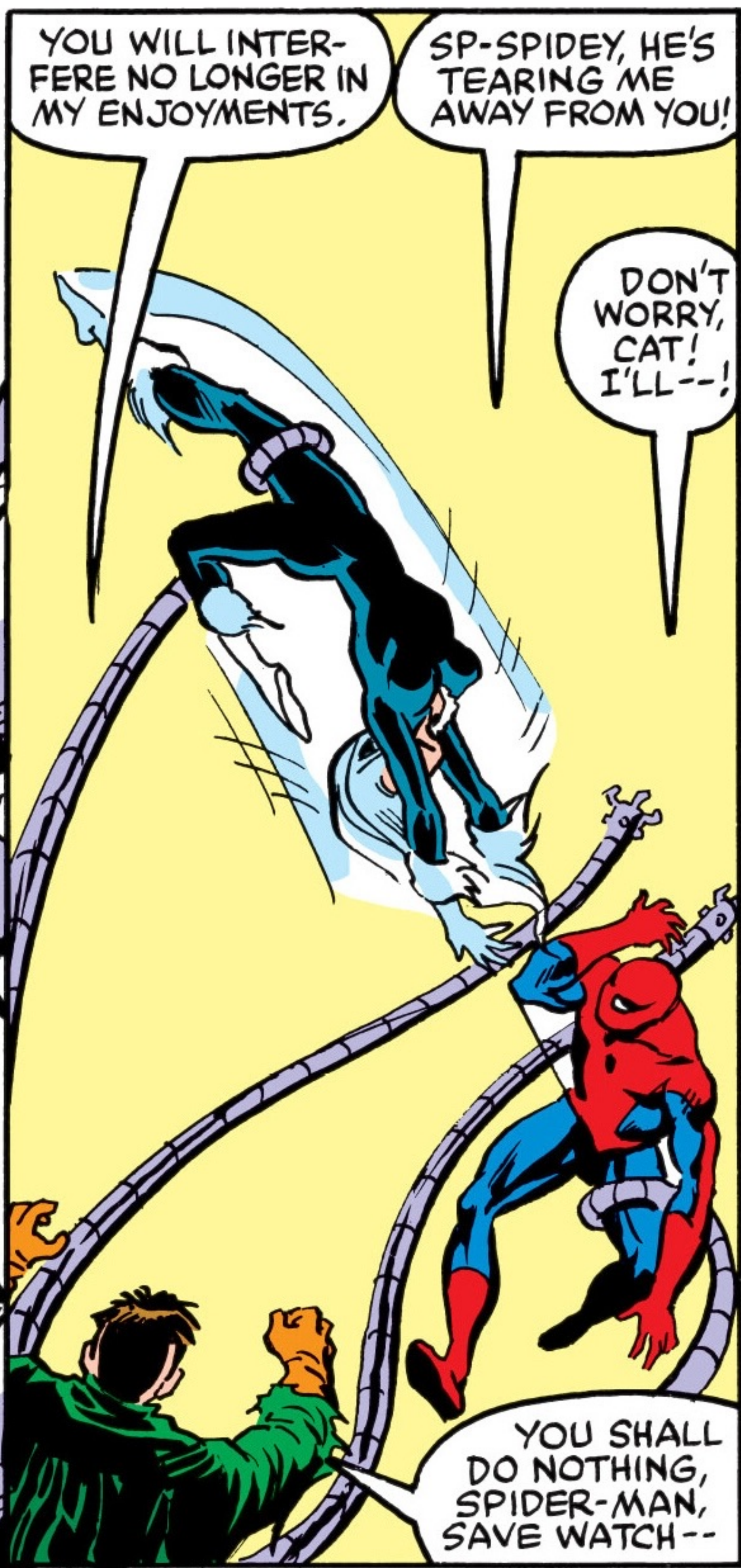




HERE, LOVER--
LET ME HELP
GET SOME AIR
BACK INTO THOSE
LUSCIOUS LUNGS
OF YOURS!



CAT, I WANTED
TO SEE SPIDER-MAN
SQUIRM AS HE SUFFO-
CATED! YOU HAVE DE-
PRIVED ME OF THAT
PLEASURE.

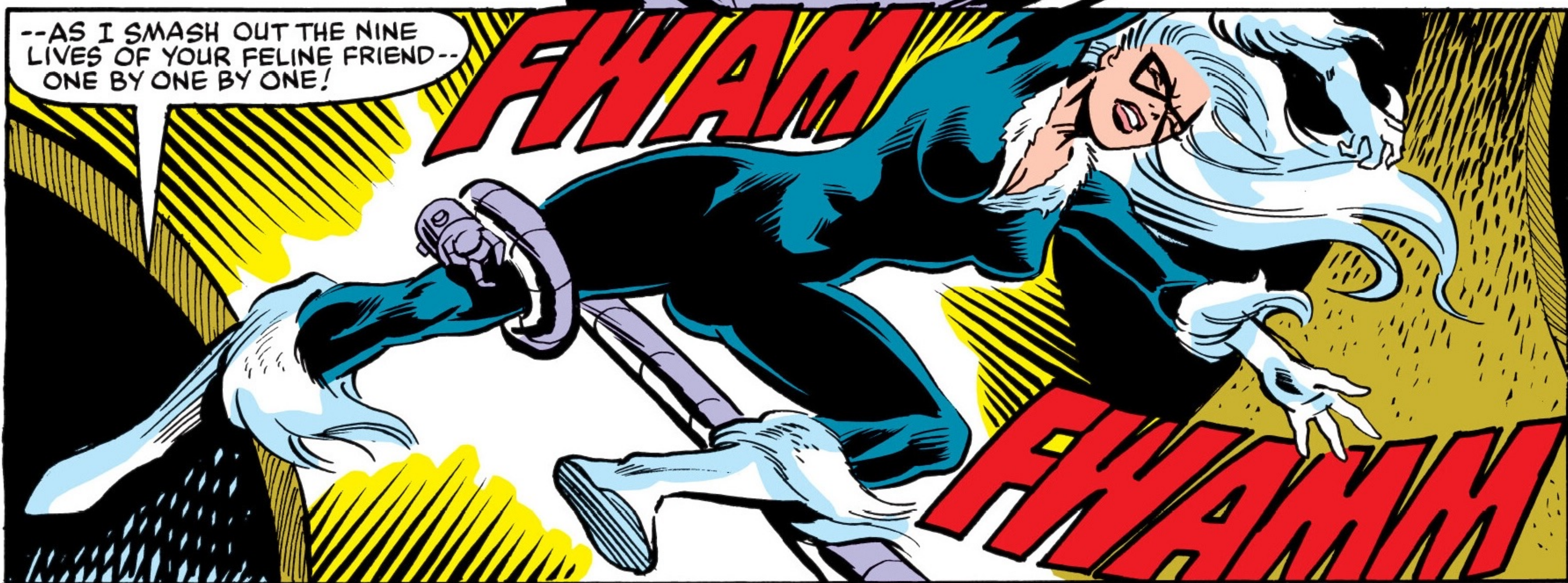


YOU WILL INTER-
FERE NO LONGER IN
MY ENJOYMENTS.

SP-SPIDEY, HE'S
TEARING ME
AWAY FROM YOU!

DON'T
WORRY,
CAT!
I'LL--!

YOU SHALL
DO NOTHING,
SPIDER-MAN,
SAVE WATCH--



--AS I SMASH OUT THE NINE
LIVES OF YOUR FELINE FRIEND--
ONE BY ONE BY ONE!



NO!

OCTOPUS IS SO ENGROSSSED IN TRYING
TO KILL FELICIA THAT HE'S MOMENTARILY
FORGOTTEN ABOUT ME!

HIS ARMS...
UNDER HIS
MENTAL
CONTROL...
ARE LOOSING
THEIR GRIP!

IF I'M EVER
GOING TO MAKE
MY MOVE--
IT HAD BETTER
BE...NOW!

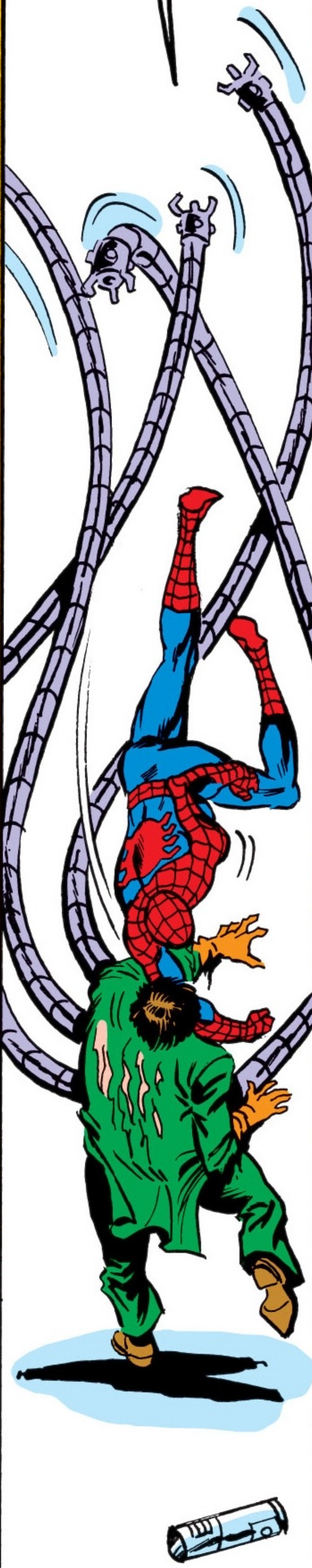
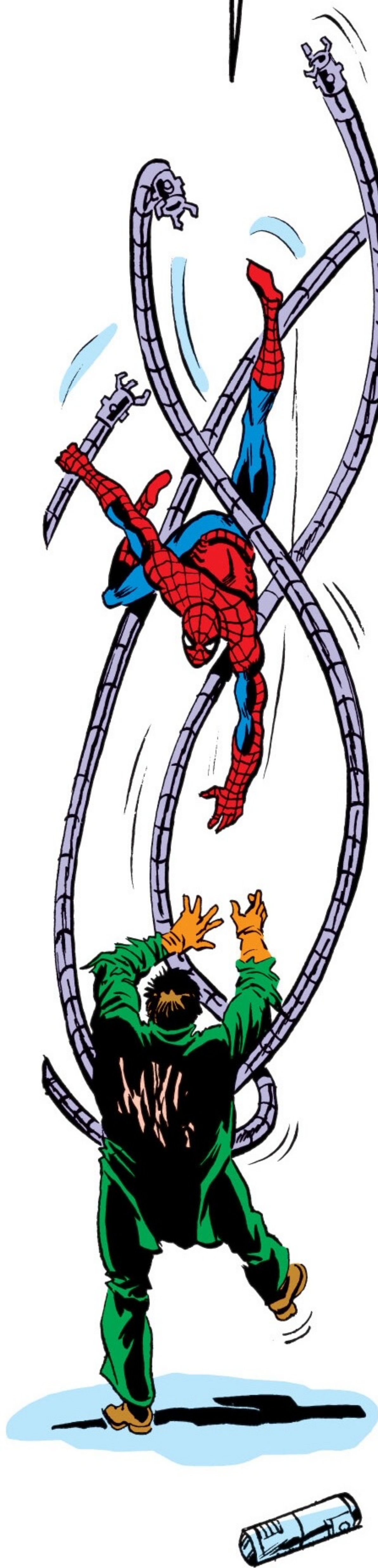
LET HER GO,
OCTOPUS!
PUT HER DOWN!

FWAK

PUT HER
DOWN! DON'T
FORCE ME TO
TEAR YOU LIMB--

SNAK

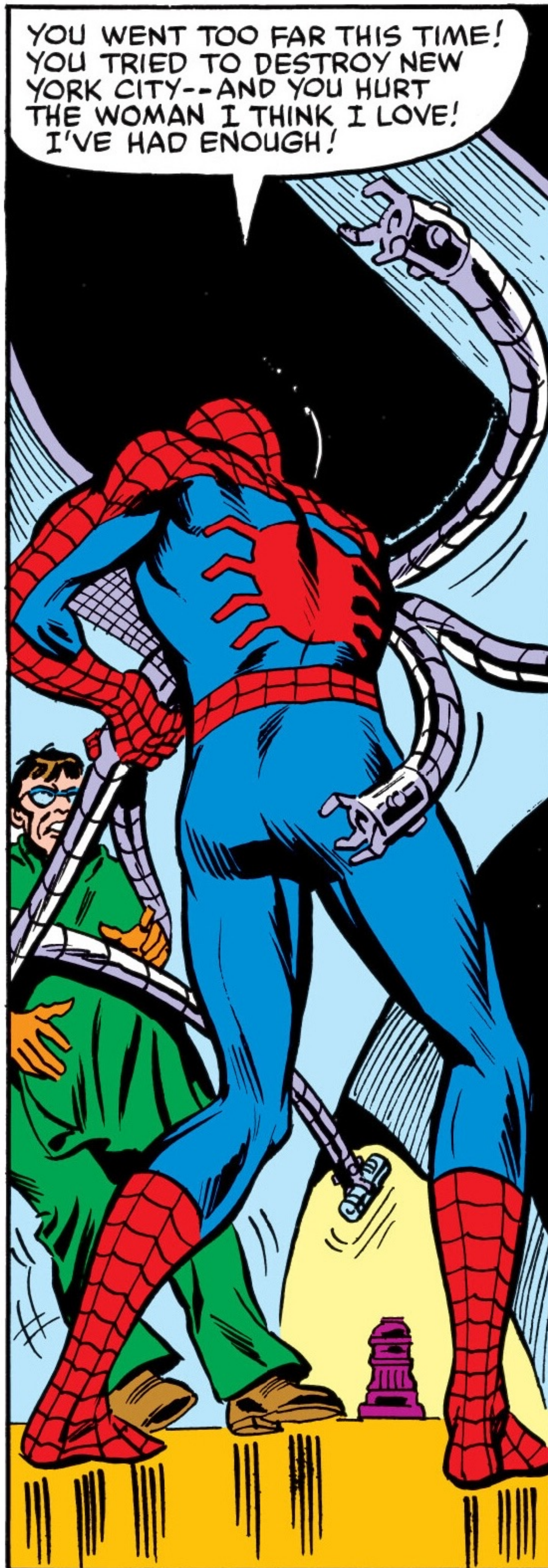
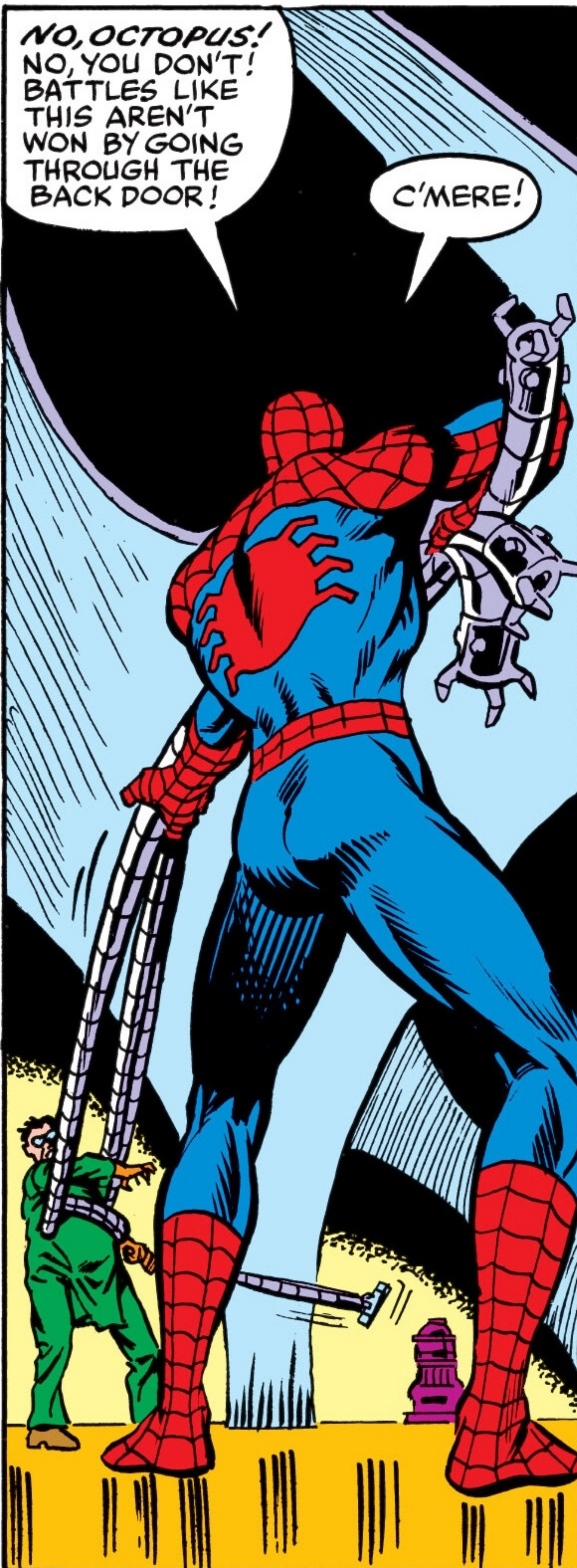
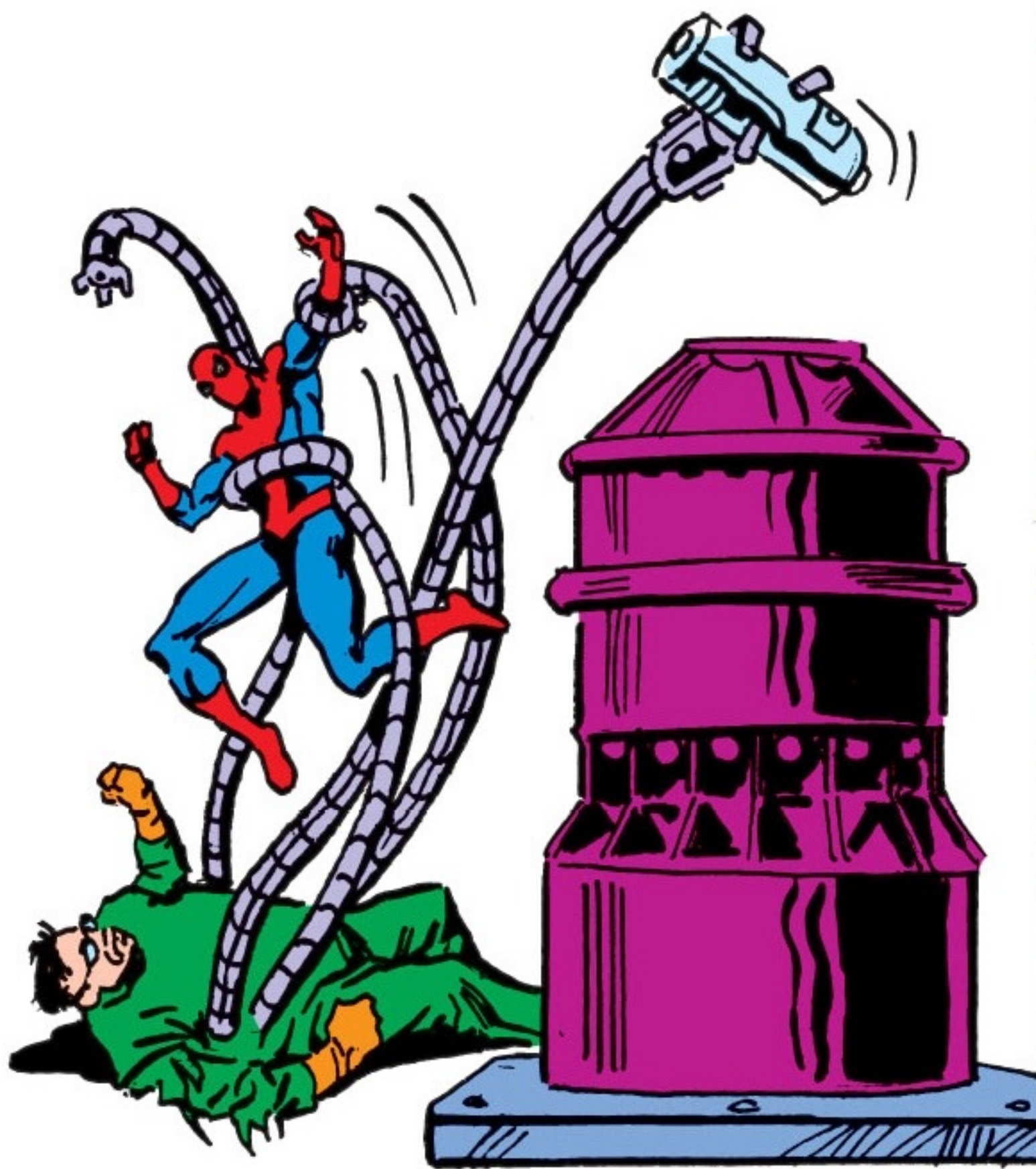
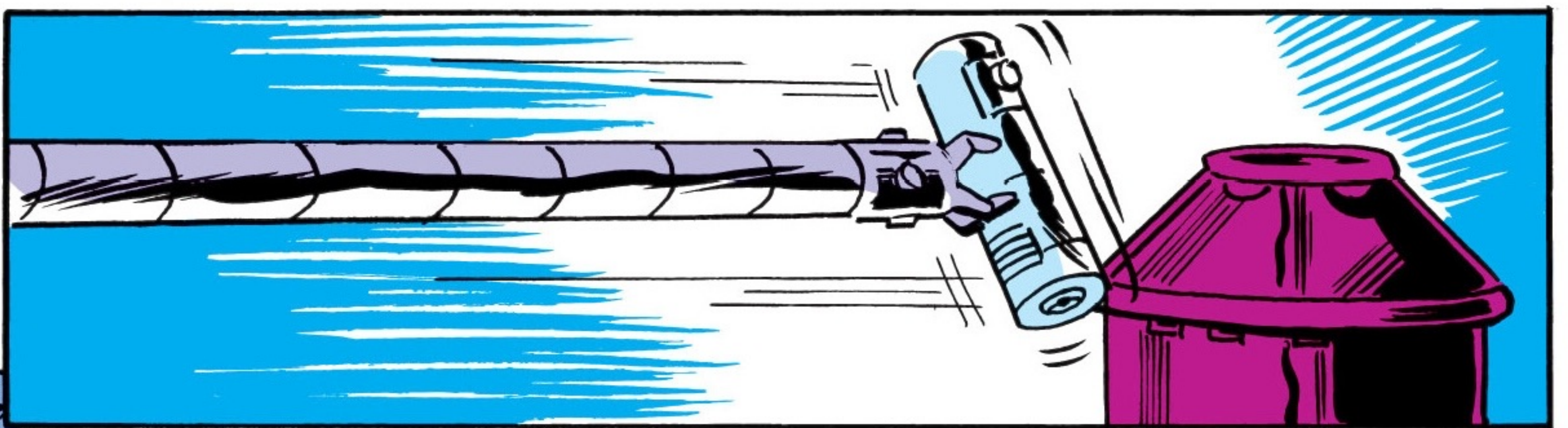
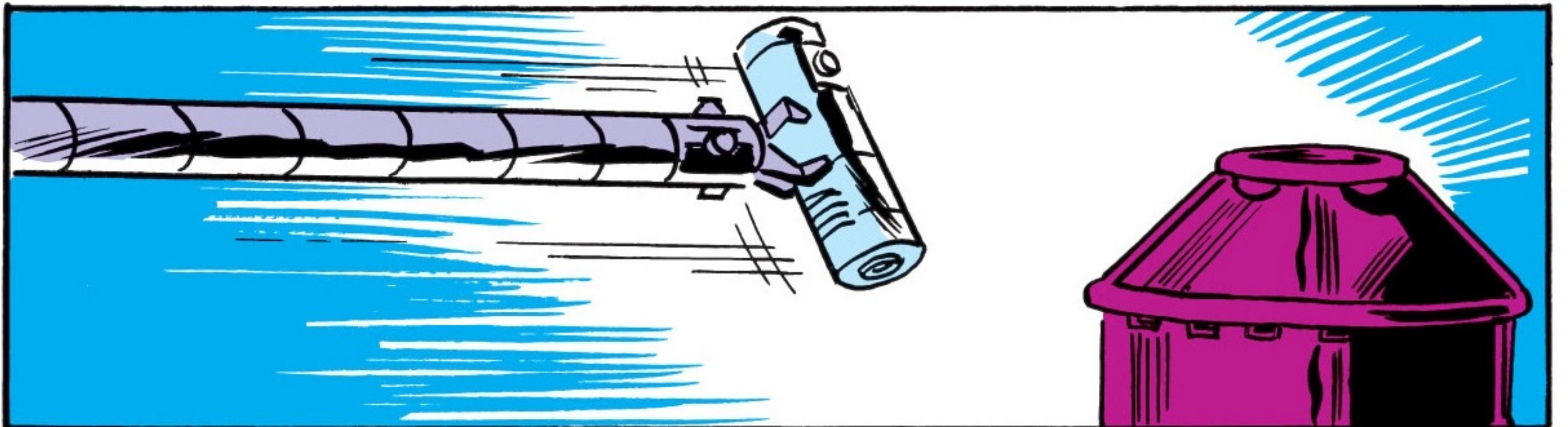
--FROM
LIMB!!

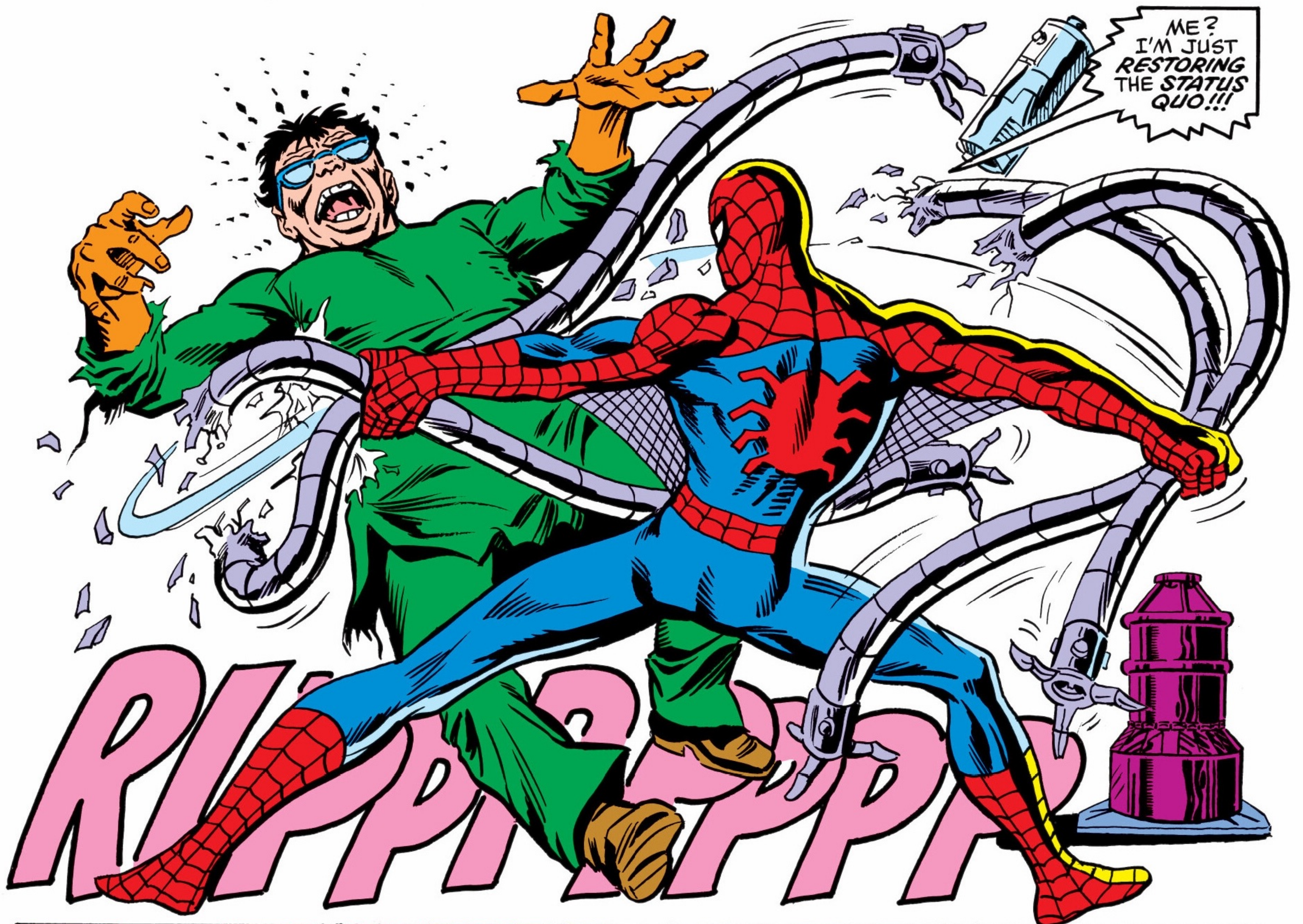


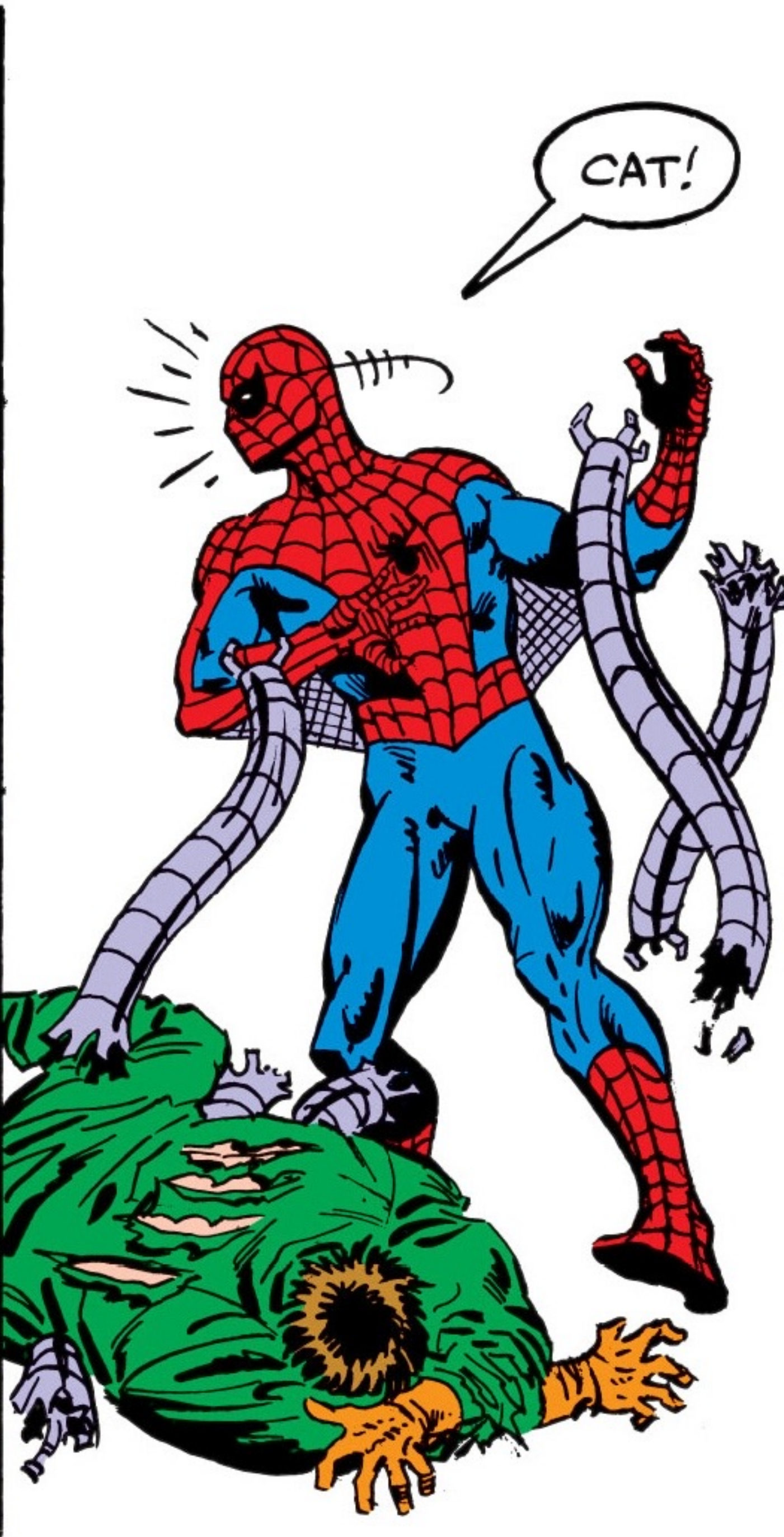
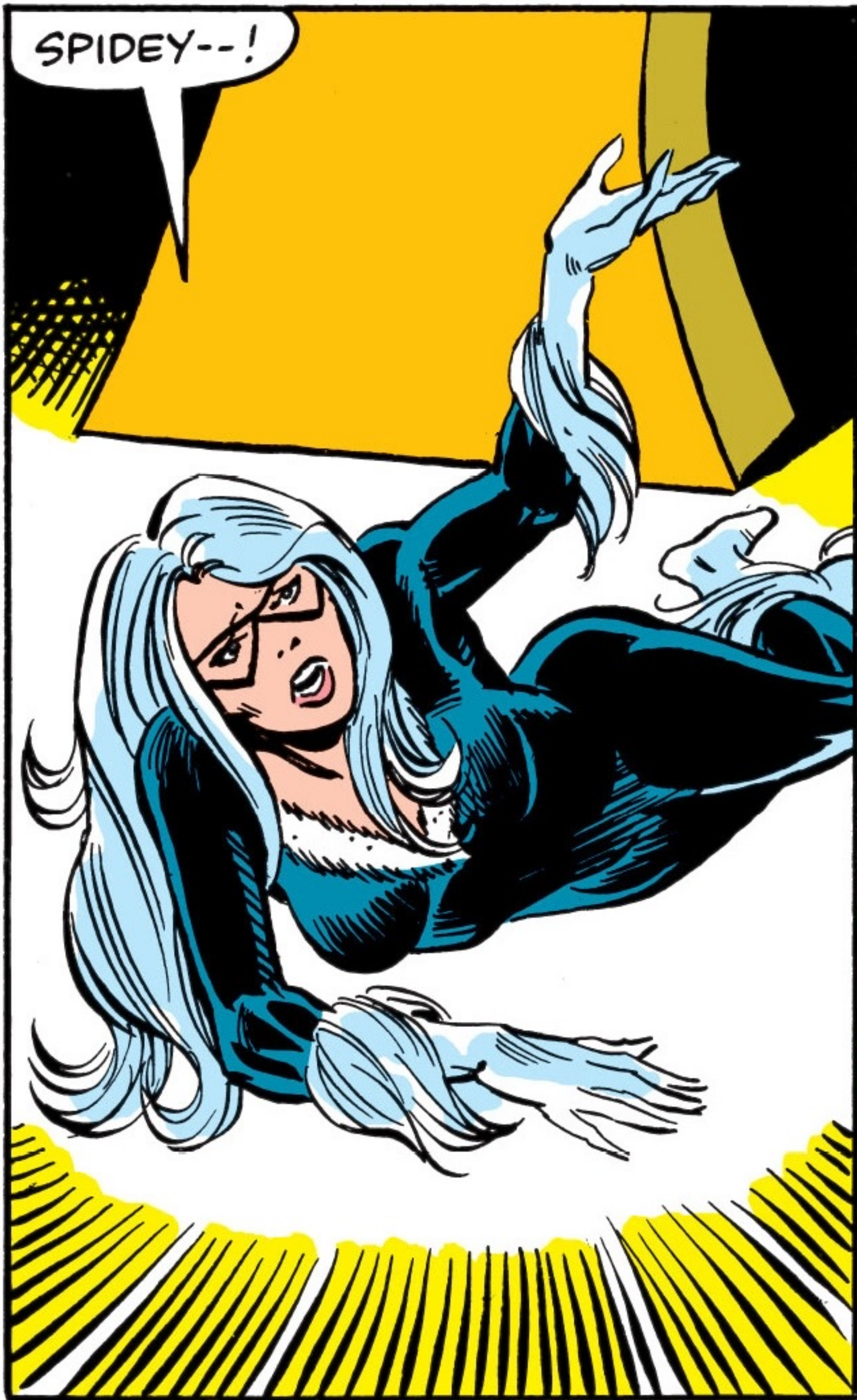
OTTO OCTAVIUS
DEFENDS HIMSELF
WITH TWO HUMAN
ARMS AND THREE
MECHANICAL ONES.

MEANWHILE,
WITH HIS
REMAINING
APPENDAGE--

--HE ATTEMPTS TO ASSURE HIMSELF OF TOTAL VICTORY!







NEXT MONTH: **"AT DEATH'S DOOR!"** WILL SPIDER-MAN LOSE THE LOVE HE'S FOUND?!